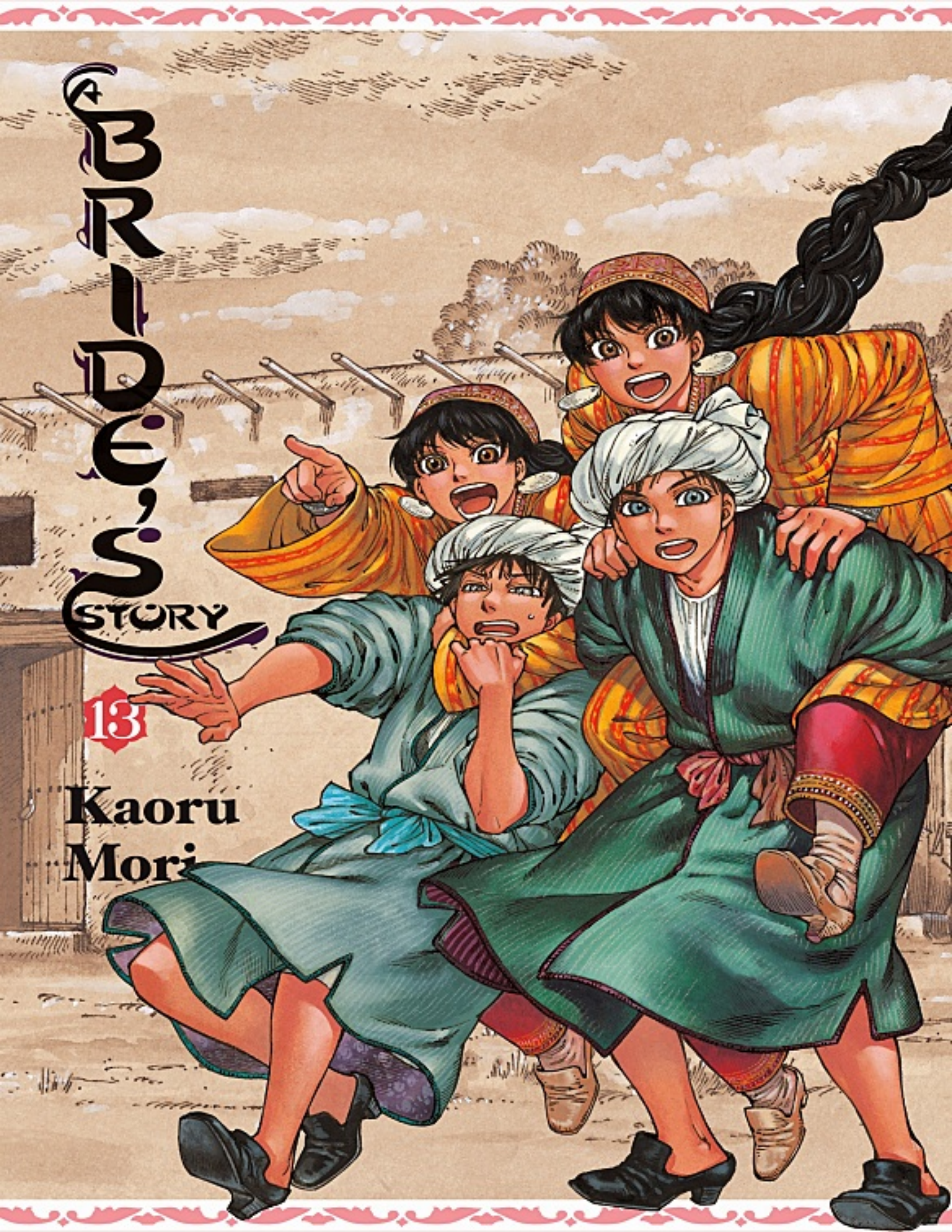


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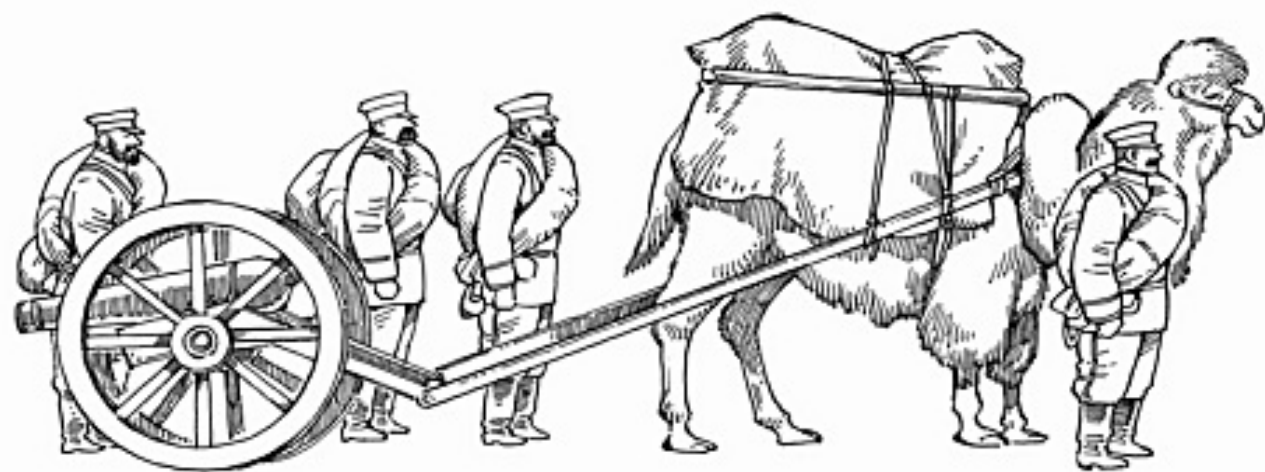
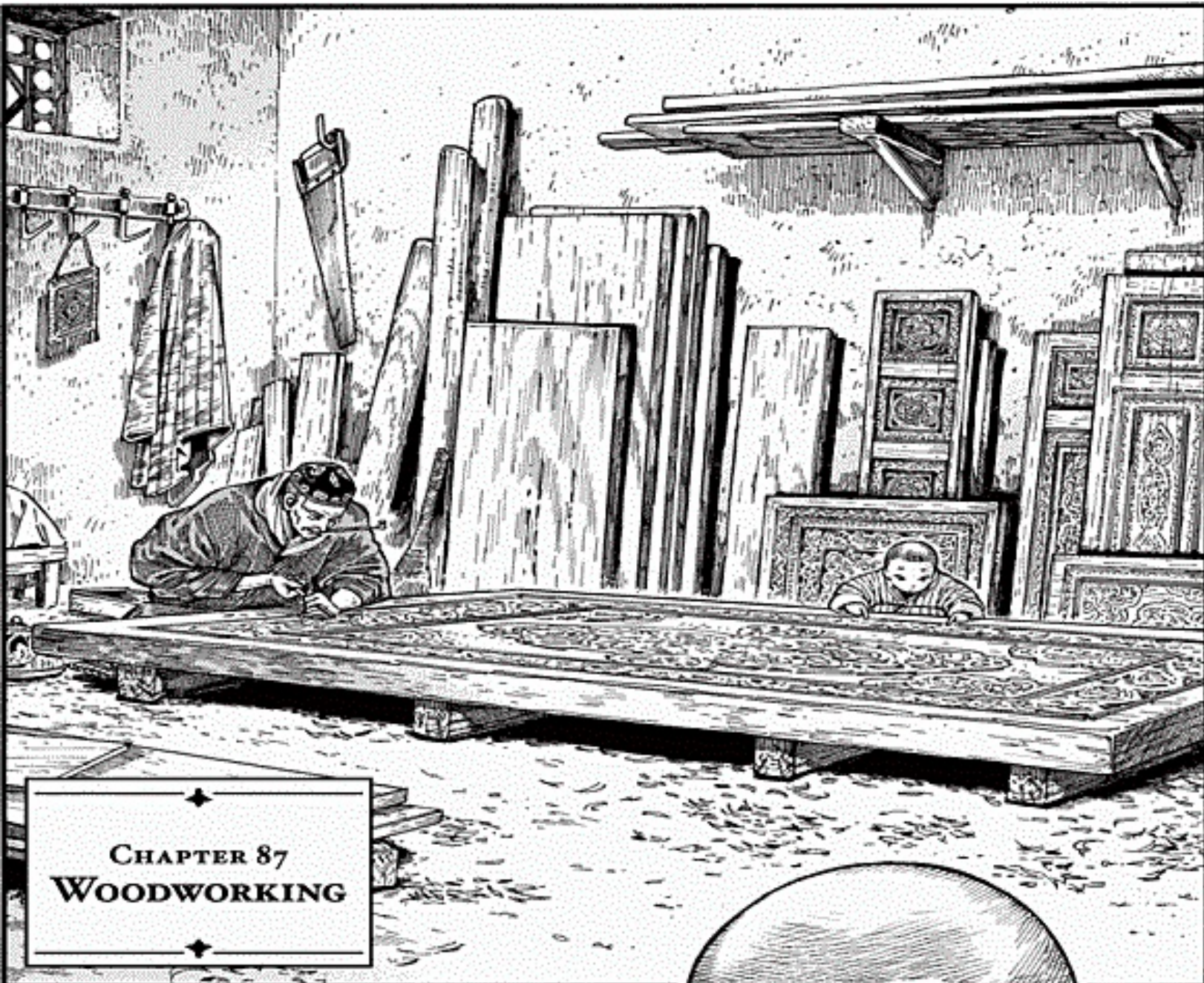


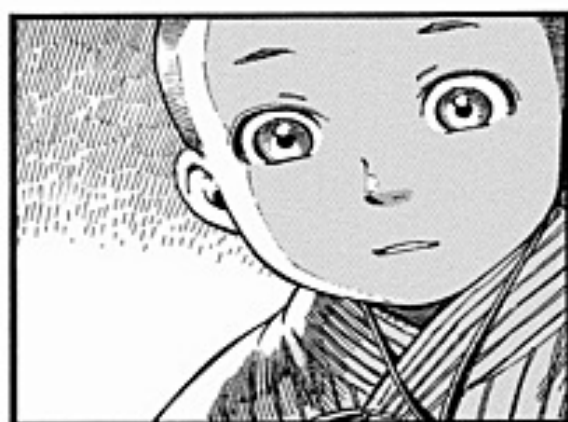


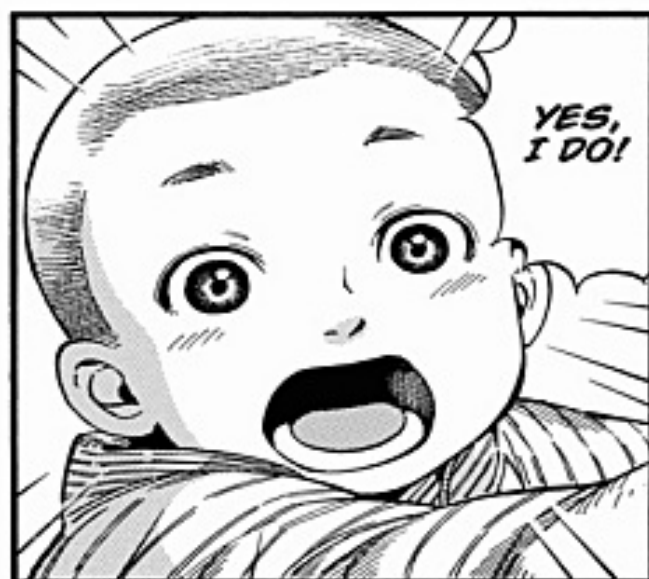
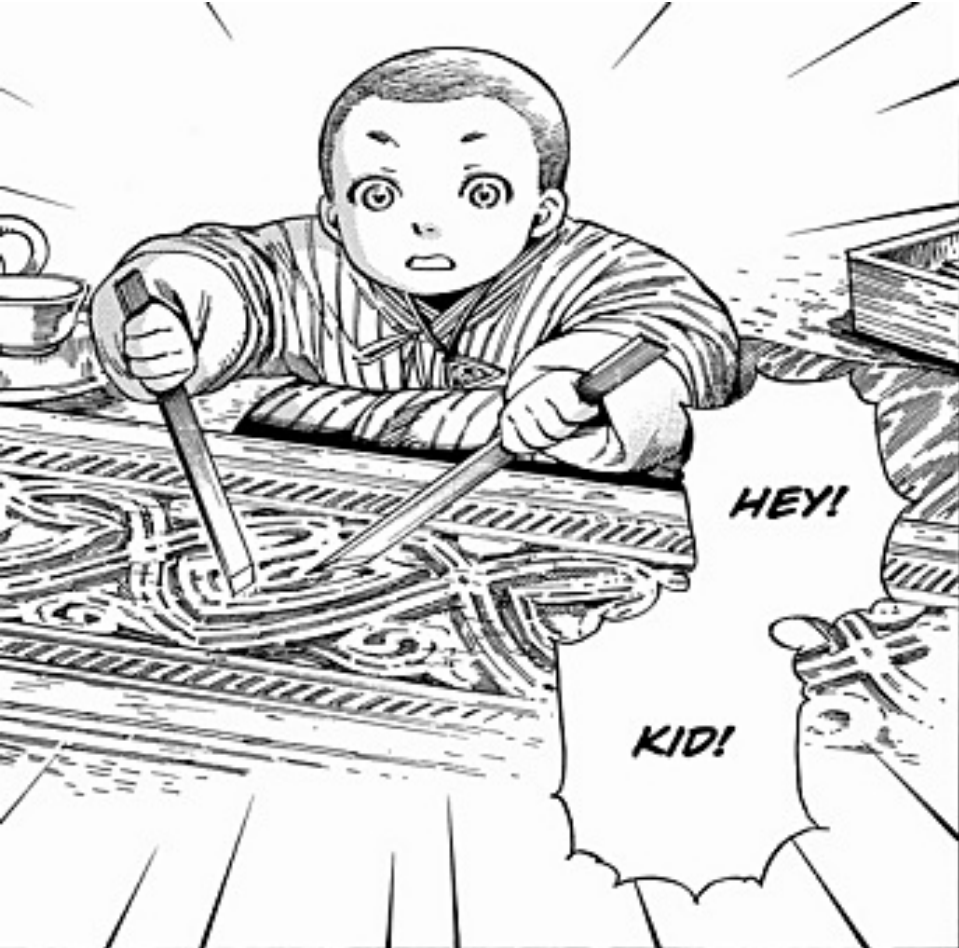
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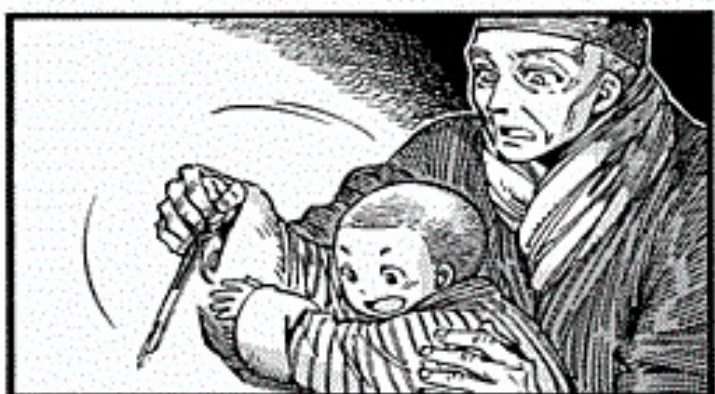
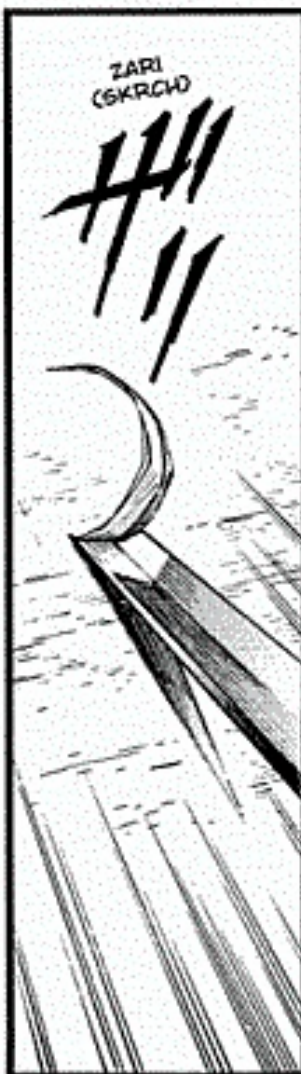
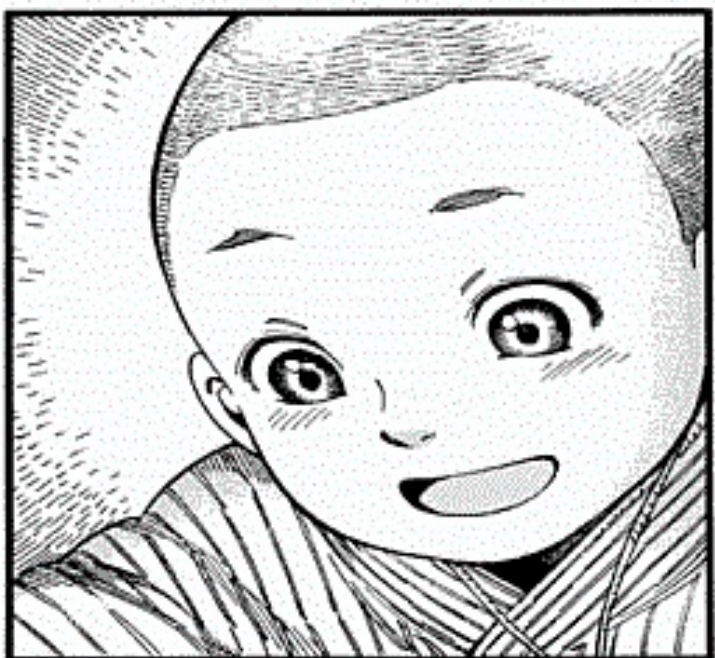


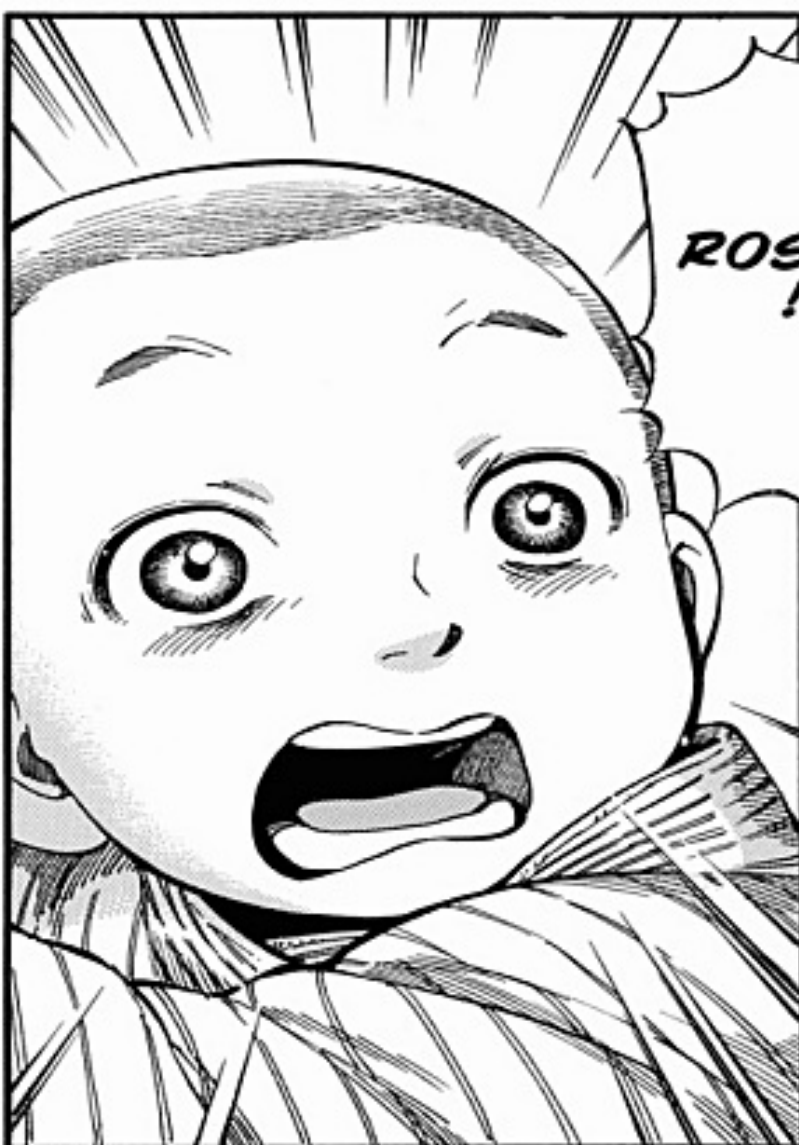
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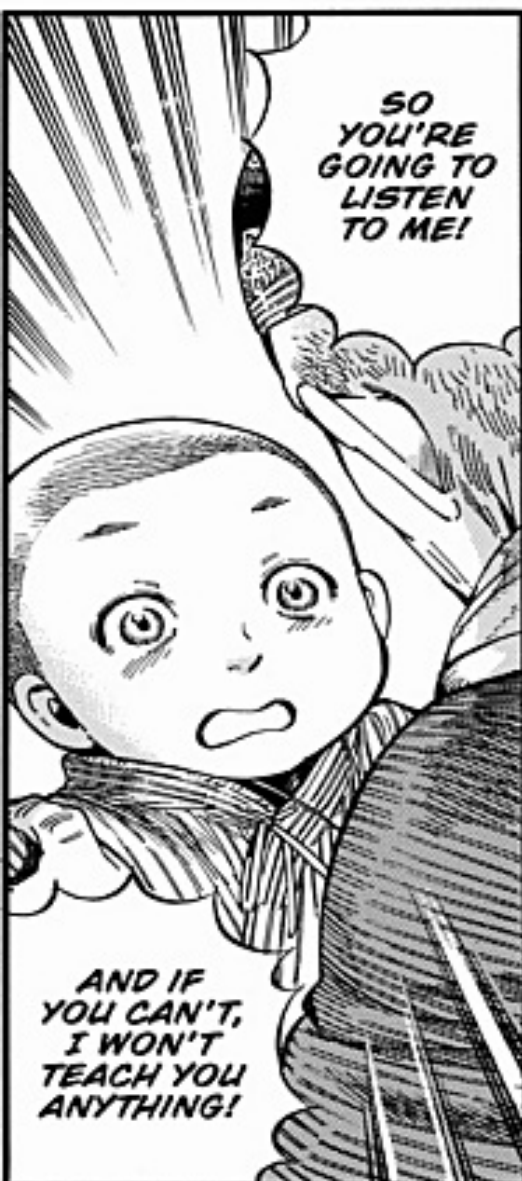


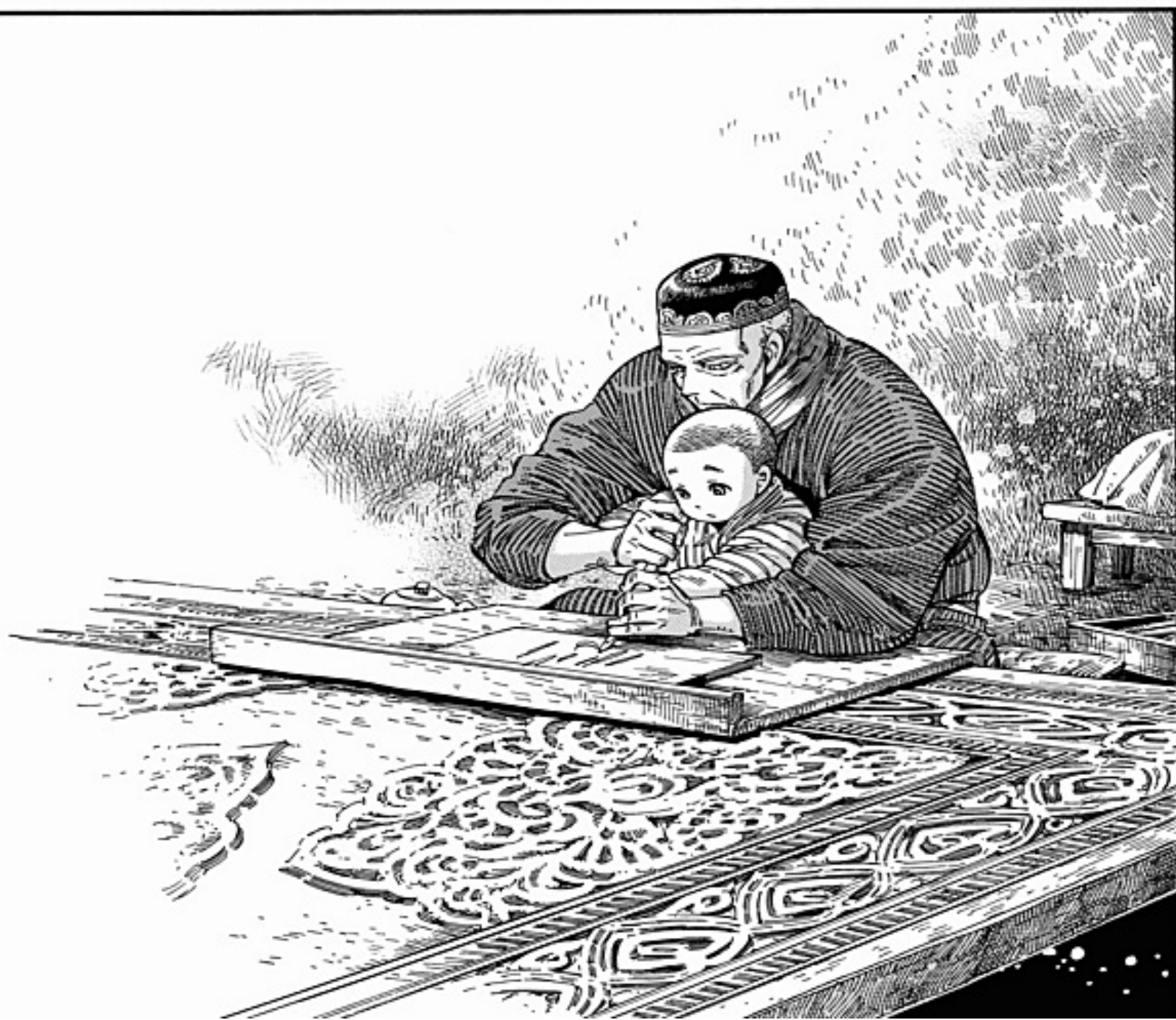
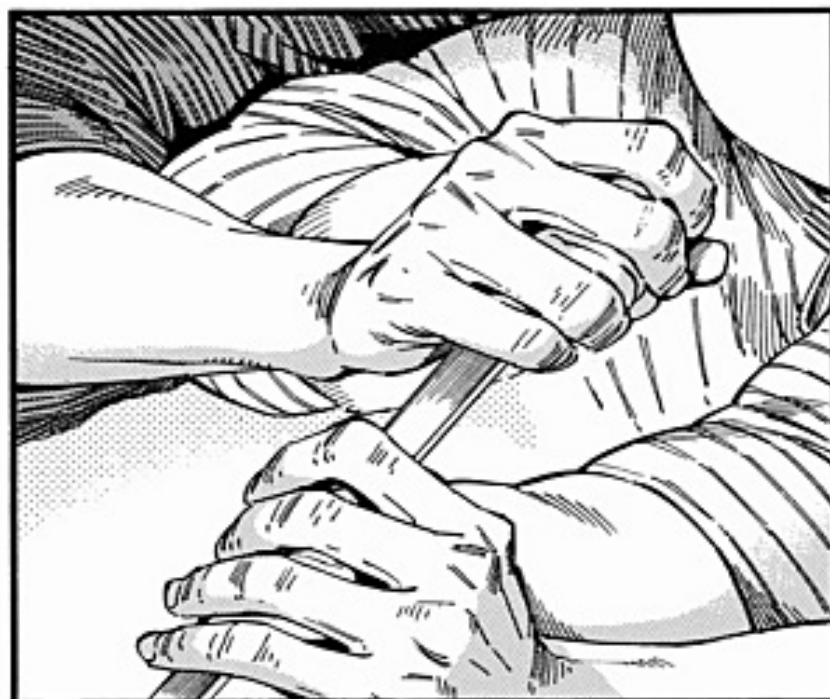


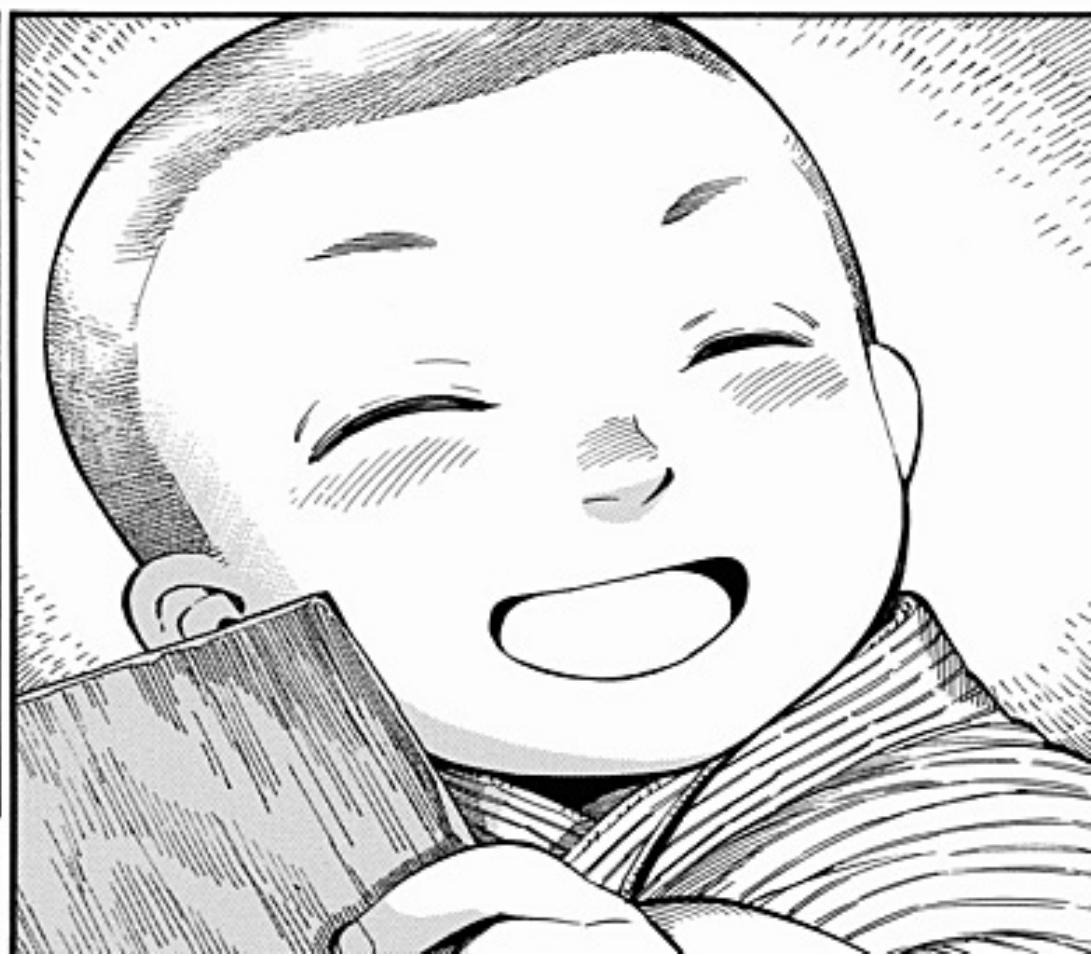






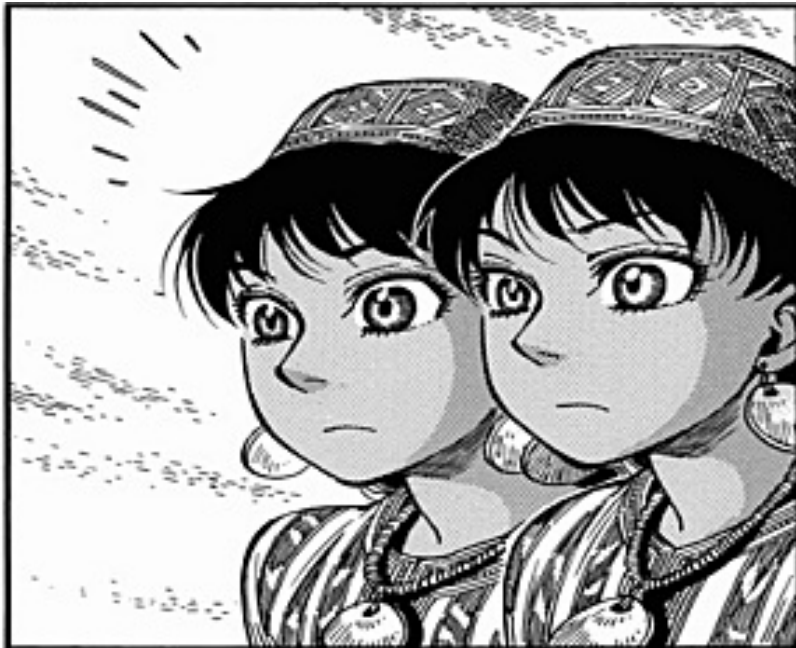














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THE GUESTS,
PART I



SFX: GIRIRIRI (SQUEEZE)









WELL,
IF YOU
SAY SO,
MOTHER.



IT'S ONLY
NATURAL THEY
INVITE HIM AS
THANKS FOR HIS
ATTENDANCE.

DR. SMITH
WAS AN
HONORED
GUEST AT
THE TWINS'
WEDDING
CEREMONY,
WASN'T
HE?



IF IT'S NOT
TOO MUCH
TROUBLE,
WOULD YOU
PLEASE
ACCEPT
THE TWINS'
INVITATION?

WITH
PLEA-
SURE.

WHY, OF
COURSE
I WILL.

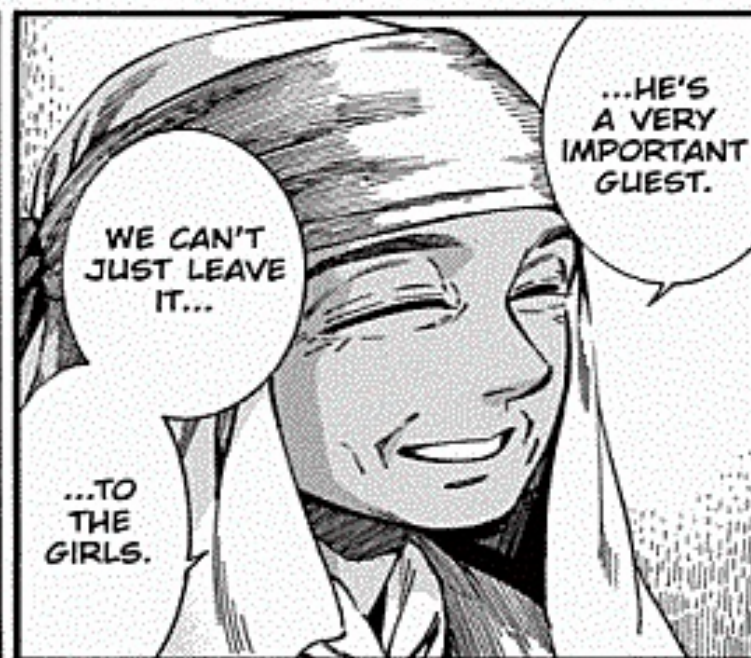


IT
WILL BE
A GOOD
EXPERI-
ENCE.

MOTHER...

ALL
RIGHT!

ALL
RIGHT!



WE CAN'T
JUST LEAVE
IT...

...TO
THE
GIRLS.

...HE'S
A VERY
IMPORTANT
GUEST.



WELL...

...BUT...



...THE
GOSSIP
IN TOWN
WOULD
HAUNT US
FOREVER!

...IF
YOU WERE
SOMEHOW
RUDE TO OUR
GUEST...

HOW-
EVER...



IT
ISN'T
AS IF I
DON'T
TRUST
YOU.



AFTER ALL,
I'VE TAUGHT
YOU WHAT
YOU SHOULD
KNOW.



HEY...

...
MOTHER
.....?

NEVER
MIND ME.
CONTINUE
YOUR
WORK.



SO
JUST
GET TO
WORK.

IF YOU DO
THIS RIGHT,
IT WILL BE
TO YOUR
BENEFIT.

THEREFORE,
I SHALL
SUPERVISE,
MORE OR
LESS.



I DIDN'T
THINK IT
WOULD
TURN
OUT LIKE
THIS.

DON'T
YOU THINK
THINGS ARE
GETTING A
LITTLE COM-
PLICATED?



LET'S GET
THEM SET
OUT—

STOP!
STOP!
STOP!



WHERE
DO YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
GOING,
LEAVING
THE
COOKING
FIRE?!

YOU
DON'T
ALL
NEED TO
HANDLE
THE
SETUP!



WE
WENT AND
BORROWED
SOME
CUSHIONS
FOR
SEATS!





WE'LL
GO GET
SOME RICE
FROM OUR
PARENTS.

WHAT ELSE
ARE YOU
PLANNING
TO MAKE?

LET'S
SEE...



OKAY,
FIRST THE
LAMB.



THERE
WON'T BE
ENOUGH
BREAD,
WILL
THERE?

WILL WE
HAVE
ENOUGH
FLOUR?



IT'S TOO
LATE FOR
THAT!

SAL-
SAGE-
STYLE
RICE?

OKAY,
THEN
BEAN
PASTE.



I WANT
TO SERVE
STEAMED
DUMPLINGS!

VEGETA-
BLE STEW
AND FRIED
BREAD...



WHAT
!?

I MEAN,
WOULDN'T
IT BE
WEIRD NOT
TO INVITE
THEM?

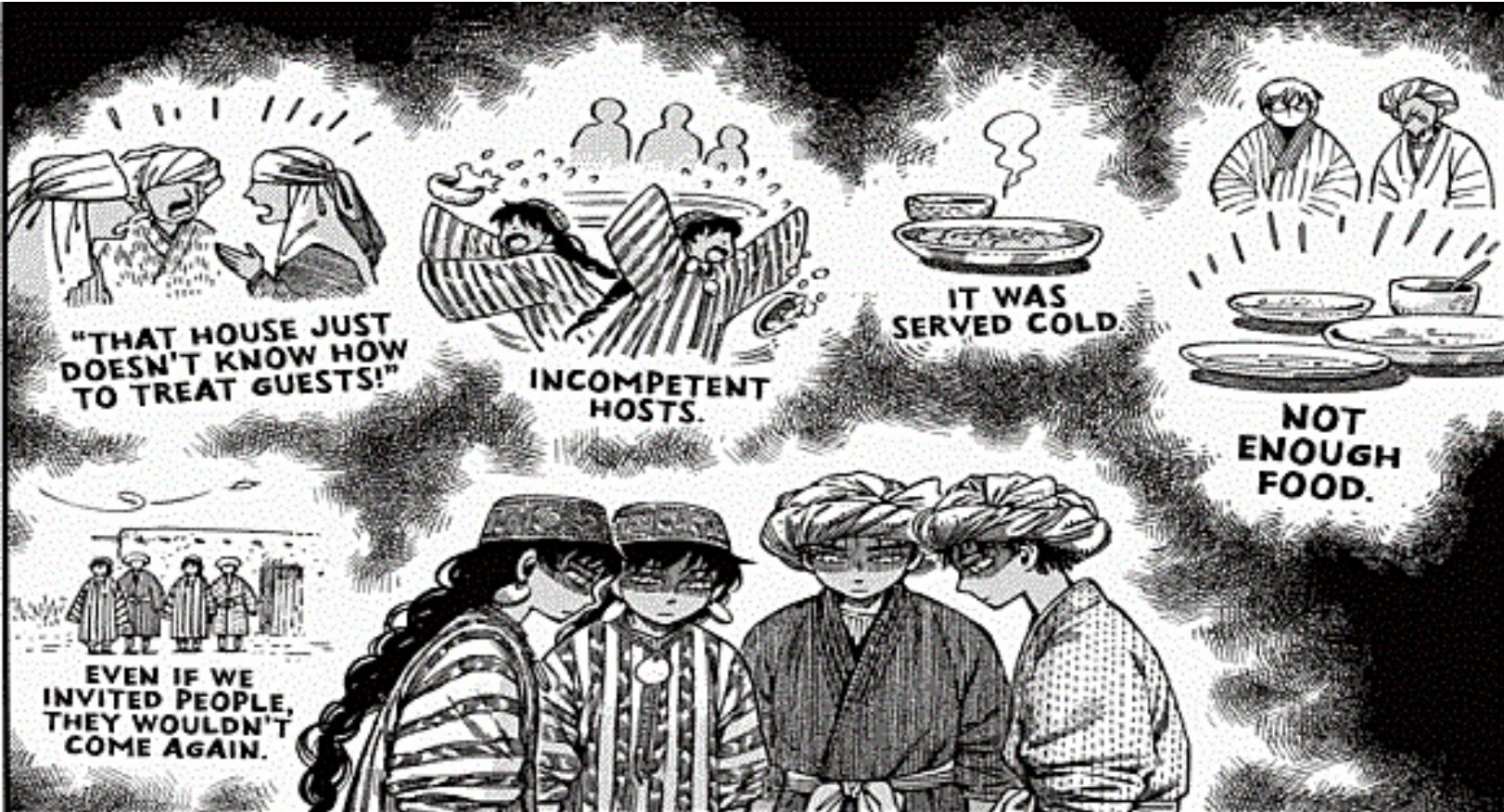
ARE
YOU
SURE,
SAMI!?



THE
TOWN
ELDERS
WILL BE
COMING
TOO, YOU
KNOW.

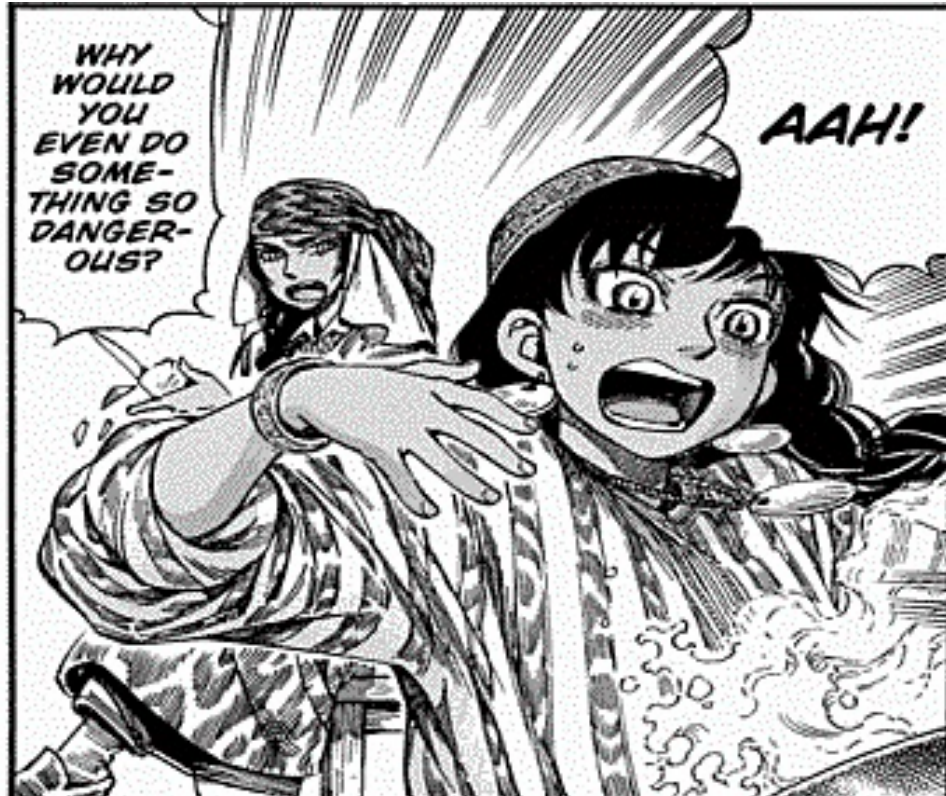
WE'LL
BE
FINE.

THERE
WILL BE
ABOUT
TEN
PEOPLE,
RIGHT?



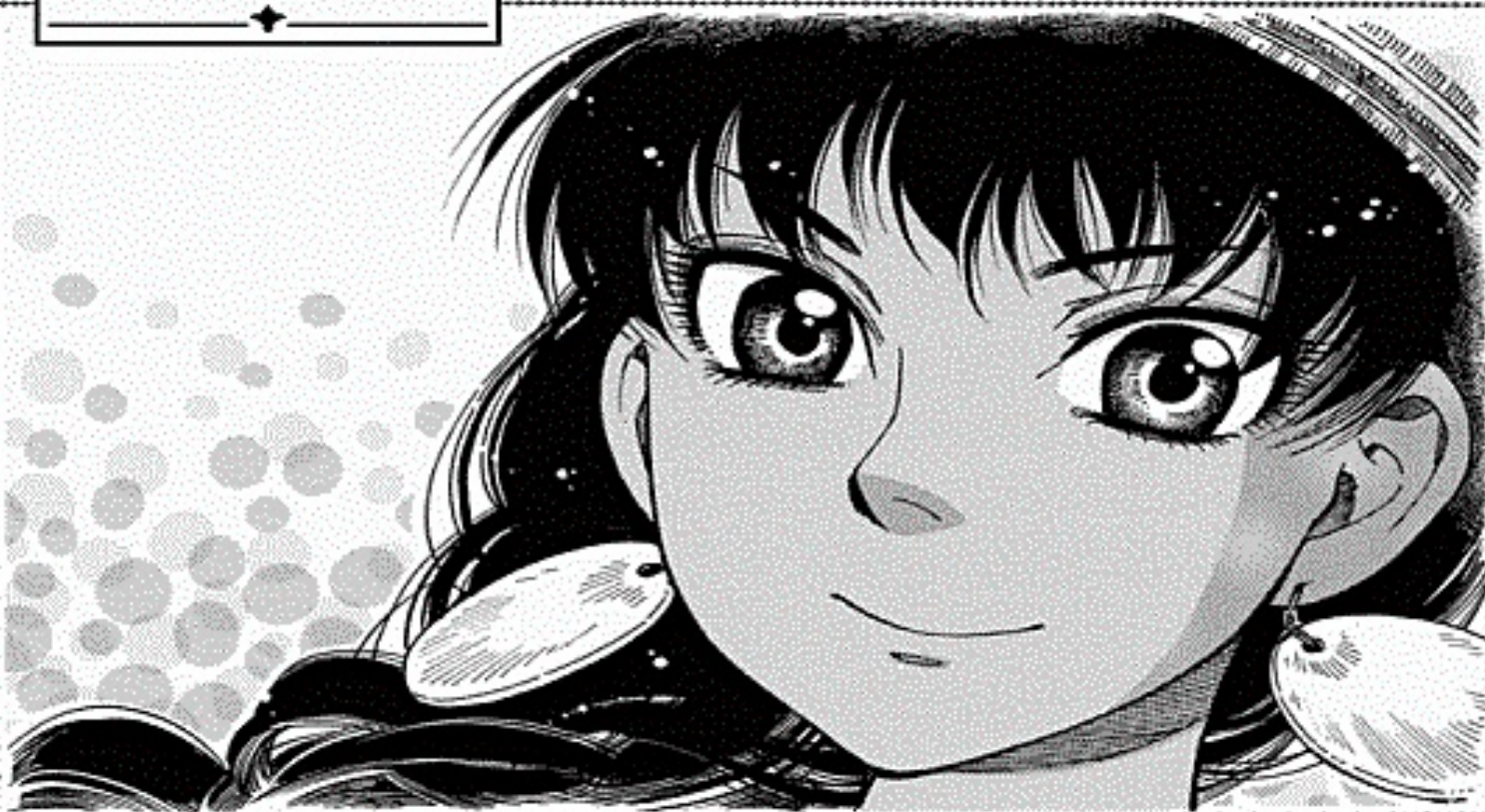








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THE GUESTS,
PART 2
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SOOO
GOOD!



LET ME
SEE!

THEY'RE
TO DIE
FOR!

LEILY, YOU
JUST GOTTA
TRY THESE
STEAMED
DUMPLINGS!



IT'S
THE
BEST!

MMM!



WELL,
THIS SOUP
IS ONE OF
MY BEST!



MAYBE,
LAILA.

AFTER ALL,
WE'RE GOOD
AT WHATEVER
WE TRY, SO
WE MUST
HAVE TALENT.
=>MUNCH=>
=>MUNCH=>



HEY,
LEILY...

...DO YOU
THINK WE
COULD BE
UNUSUAL
COOKING
GENIUSES?
=>MUNCH=>
=>MUNCH=>





OH,
MOTHER-
IN-LAW!

WE'RE
DOING
FINE!

COMING
ALONG
GREAT!



ARE
THEY
MANAG-
ING ON
THEIR
OWN?

HOW
ARE THE
TWIN'S
DOING?

DO
THEY
NEED
HELP?



ONCE A
MOTHER,
ALWAYS A
MOTHER.



IT'S
BETWEEN
YOU
AND ME
ANYWAY.

OH NO,
PLEASE!
YOU'RE
PART
OF THE
FAMILY!

PLEASE
FORGIVE
ME! I'M
INTERFERING
AND AFTER
THEY'VE
ALREADY
MARRIED!

I REALLY
SHOULD
JUST LET
THEM BE.



HUH?

WHAT?

THE
GUEST
IS...?



DON'T
LET THE TEA
WATER RUN
OUT LIKE
THAT!

YEAH,
WE
KNOW!











.....

I AM...

HOW
TO PUT
IT...?

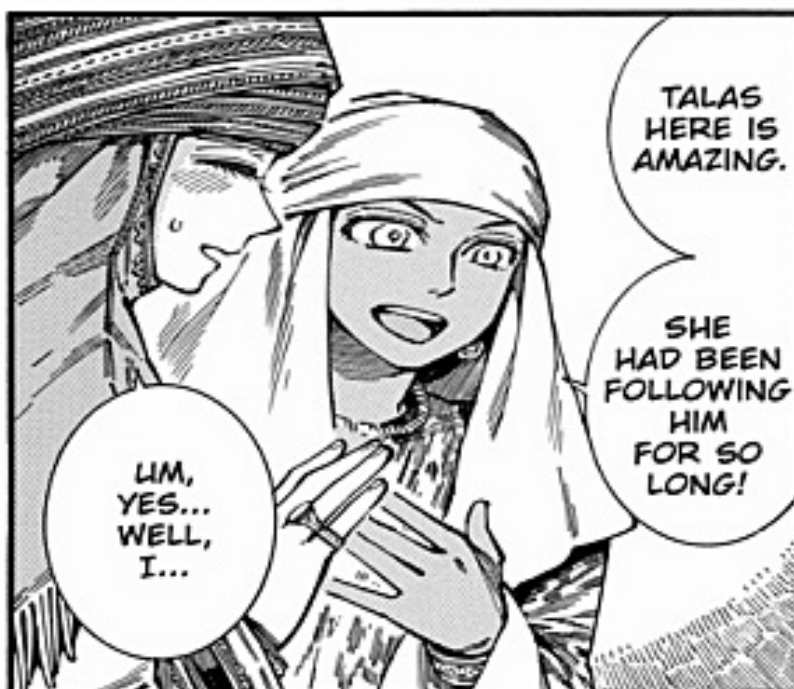


WHO
ARE
YOU?



I HOPE
TO BE
TAKEN
AS MR.
SMITH'S
BRIDE.

WELL,
EVENTUALLY
ANYWAY.



TALAS
HERE IS
AMAZING.

SHE
HAD BEEN
FOLLOWING
HIM
FOR SO LONG!

UM,
YES...
WELL,
I...



DO YOU
HAVE ANY
LIVE-
STOCK!?

SOMEBODY
CAN
ACTUALLY
MARRY
THAT
DOCTOR!?

IS
THAT
RIGHT
!?

I
HAVEN'T
RECEIVED
ANY LIVE-
STOCK.







...THAT THE
WEIGHT OF
IT WAS FIT
TO SINK THE
BOATS!

BACK THEN,
FISHERMEN
WOULD SIMPLY
THROW OUT
A NET, AND
THEY'D CATCH
SO MANY
FISH...

MY
GRANDMOTHER
USED TO TELL ME
ABOUT THE DAYS
WHEN A MAN
NAMED TIMUR
RULED THE AREA.

LONG AGO
IN THE
VILLAGE...

...WE
HAD SOME
AMAZING
PARTIES
YOU
WOULDN'T
BELIEVE!



...

...

SAMI!

HE'S
STARTED
IT
AGAIN!

WHEN
THAT ELDER
STARTS
TALKING,
HE NEVER
STOPS.



A SEA
SHIMMERING
SILVER
WITH THE
SCALES OF
COUNTLESS
FISH?

CAN YOU
IMAGINE A
SIGHT LIKE
THAT?

WELL...







THE
PEOPLE
WHO LIVE
IN DESERT
REGIONS...

HER
CLOTHES
?

...ALWAYS
WEAR SUCH
BEAUTIFUL
CLOTHING.



BECAUSE
YOU'RE
GETTING
MARRIED?

IT ISN'T
YOUR
FORMAL
WEAR?

YOU
ALWAYS
WEAR
THAT?



NO.

THIS IS
WHAT I
ALWAYS
WEAR.



IT'S
LIKE A
WEDDING
DRESS!

THAT'S
INCRED-
IBLE!









THANKS.

THE
TEA.

SARM,
HERE.



THAT'S WHY
I'M ALWAYS
TELLING THESE
YOUNG'UNS...



...THAT
HARD WORK
IS THE MOST
IMPORTANT
THING THEY
CAN DO!

AH,
INDEED
IT IS.



ACTUALLY,
THEY
SEEMED TO
BE HAVING
FUN.

HUH?



THERE'S
SOMETHING I
VERY MUCH
HOPED TO ASK
OF YOU...



OH, I'VE
JUST
RECALLED!



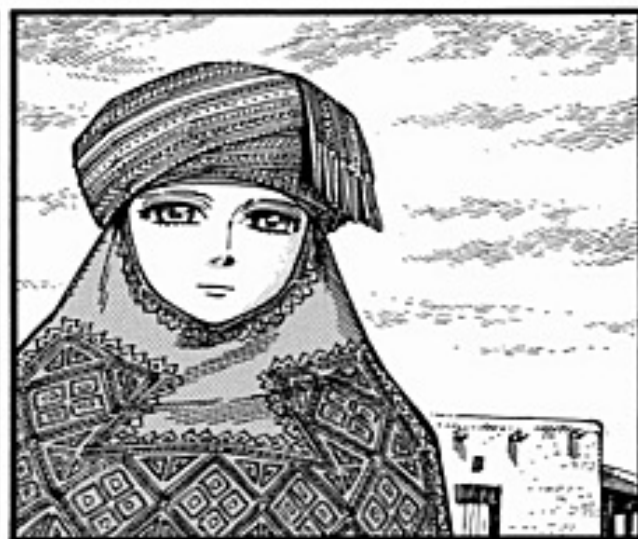
THIS
LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
STILL
GOING TO
TAKE A
WHILE.

LAILA AND
LEILY WERE
PROBABLY
BORED TO
TEARS,
HUH?

WELL...

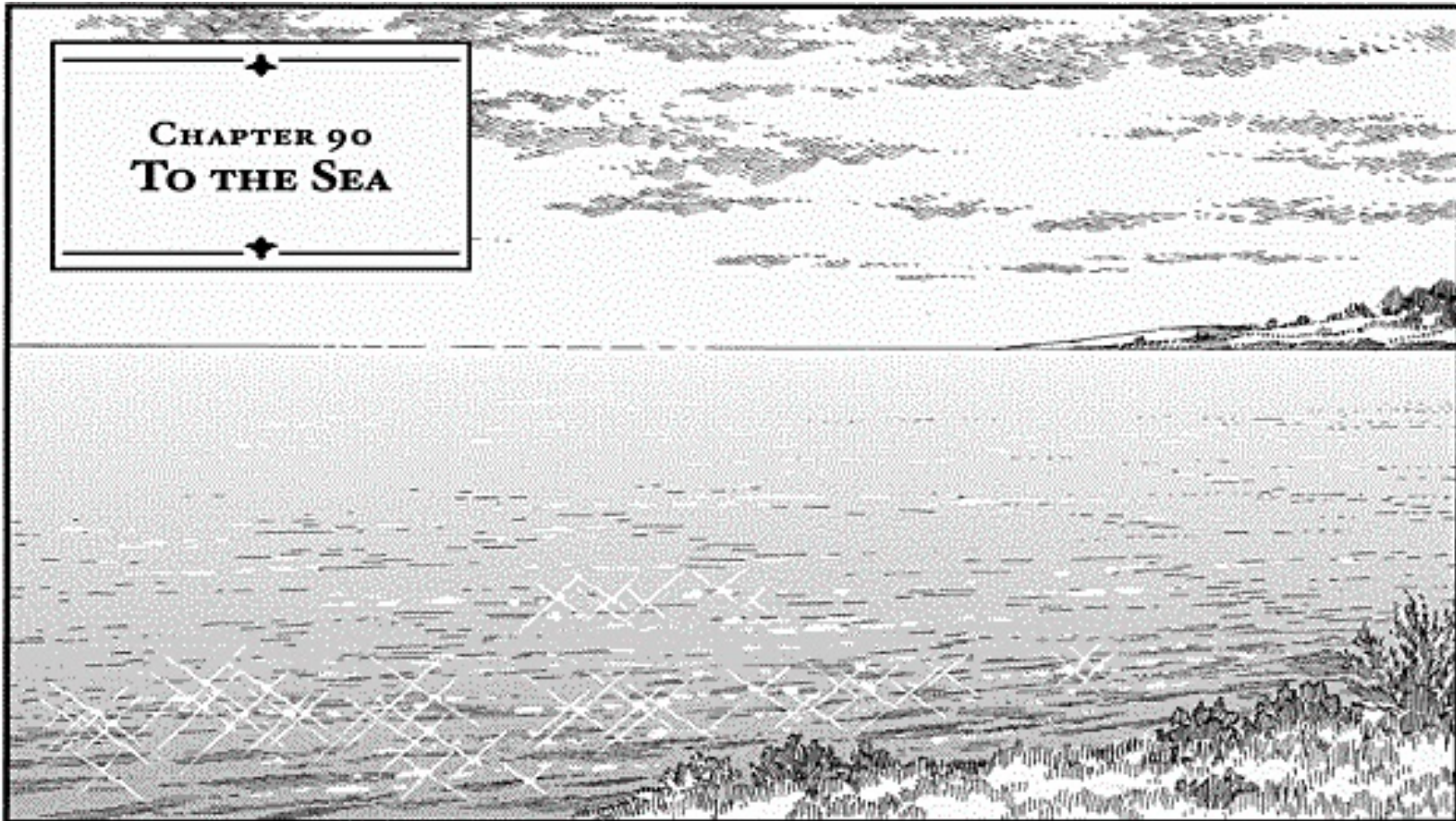


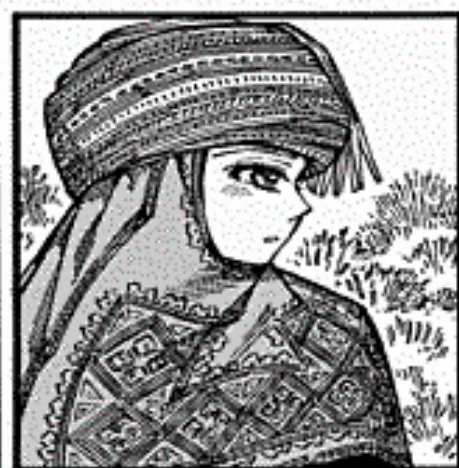
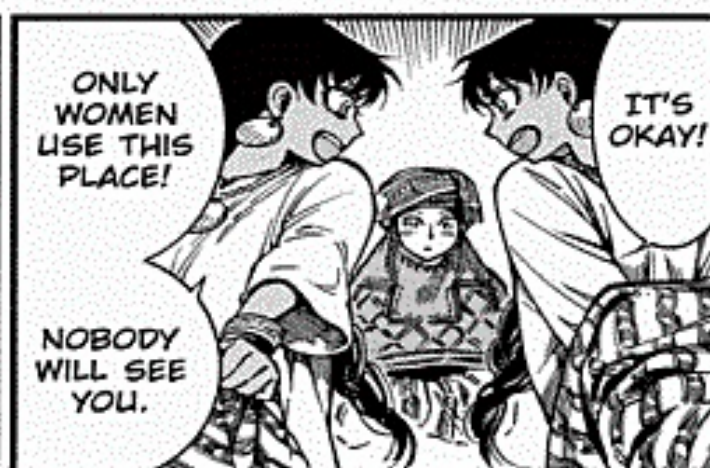
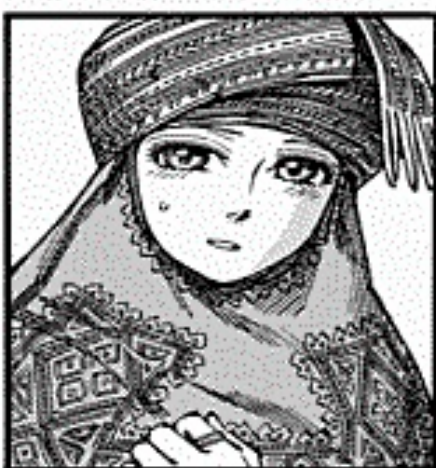
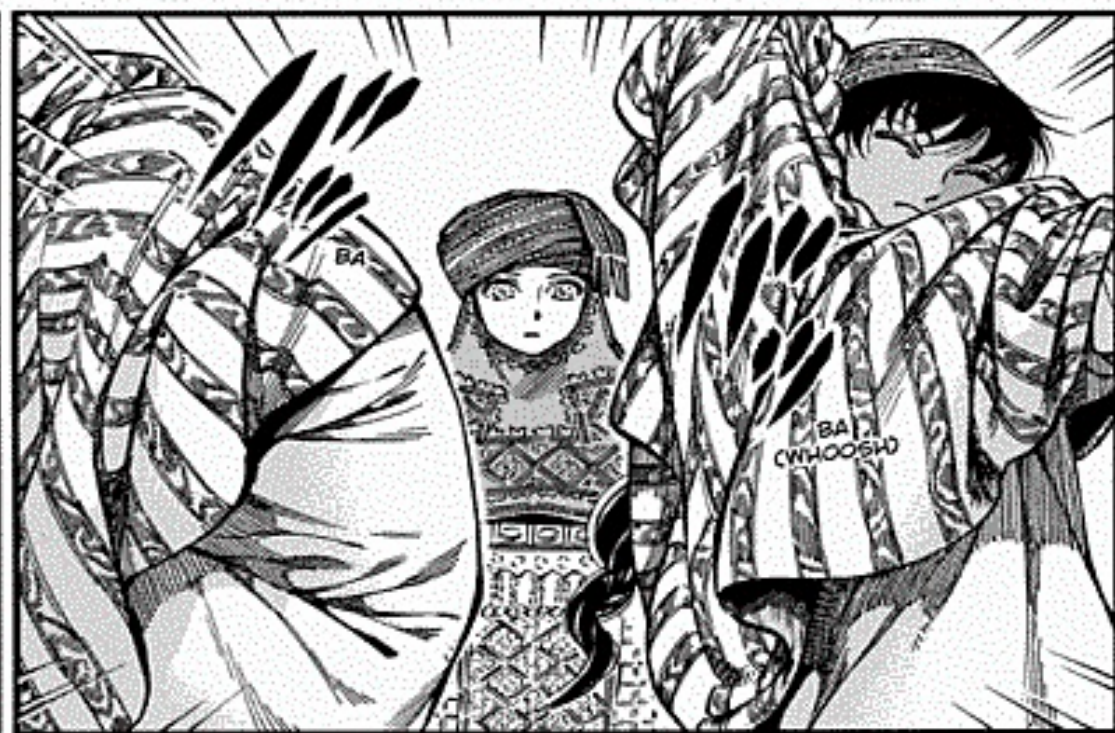
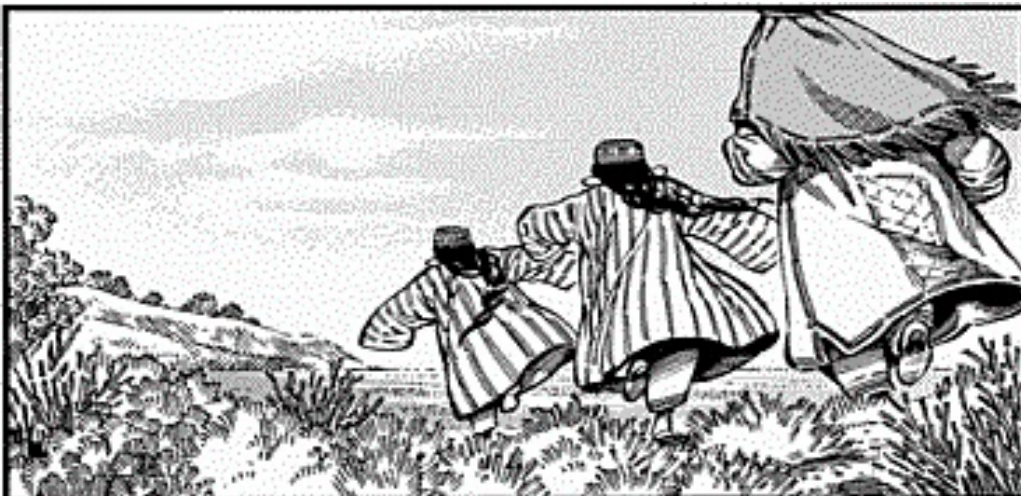


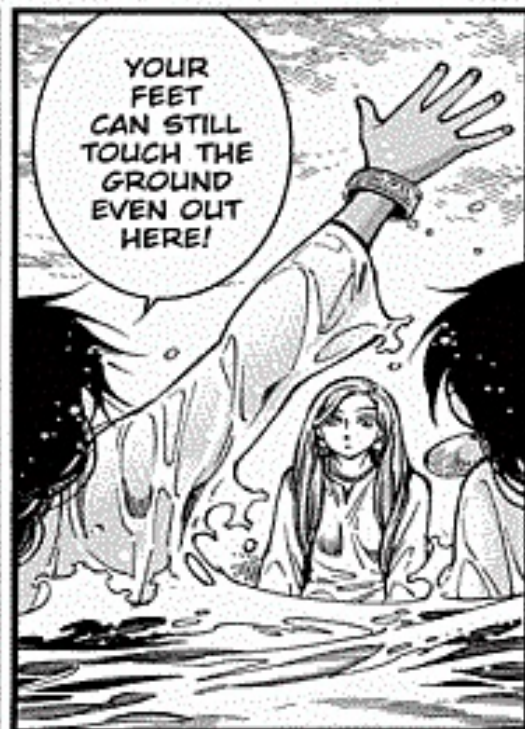
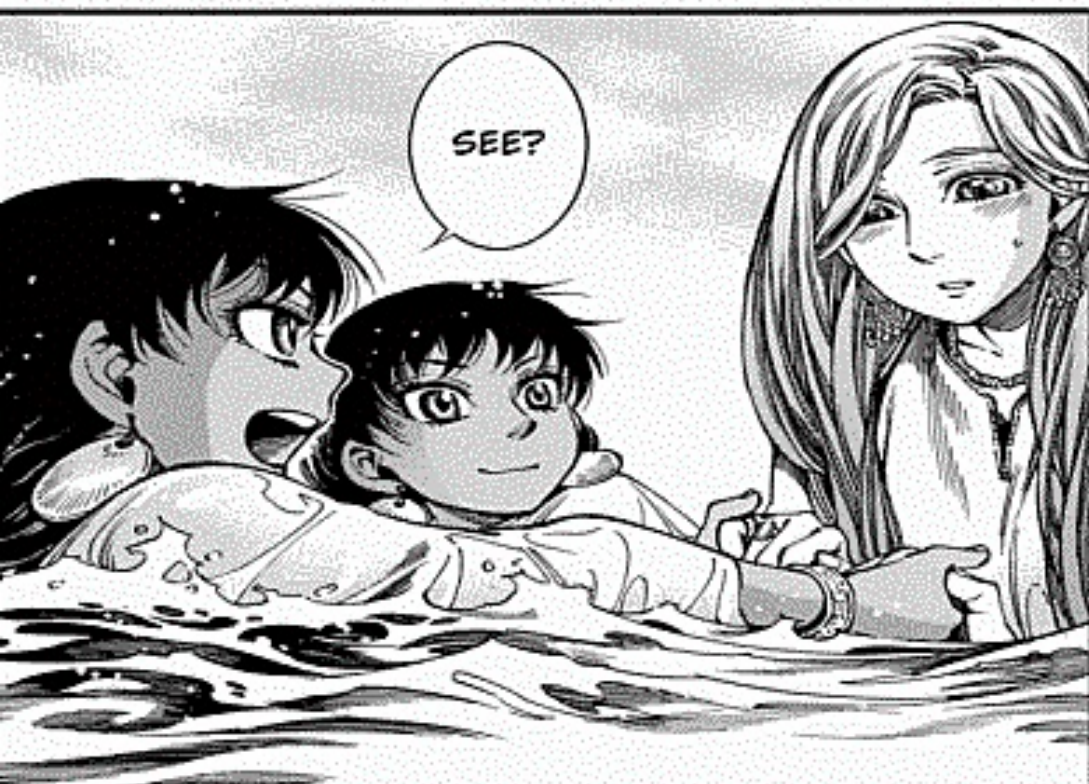


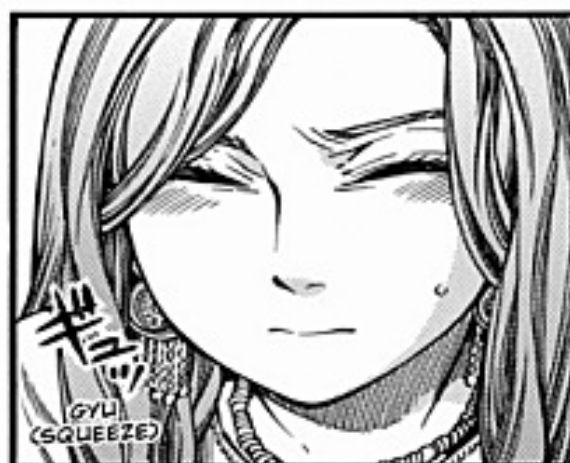
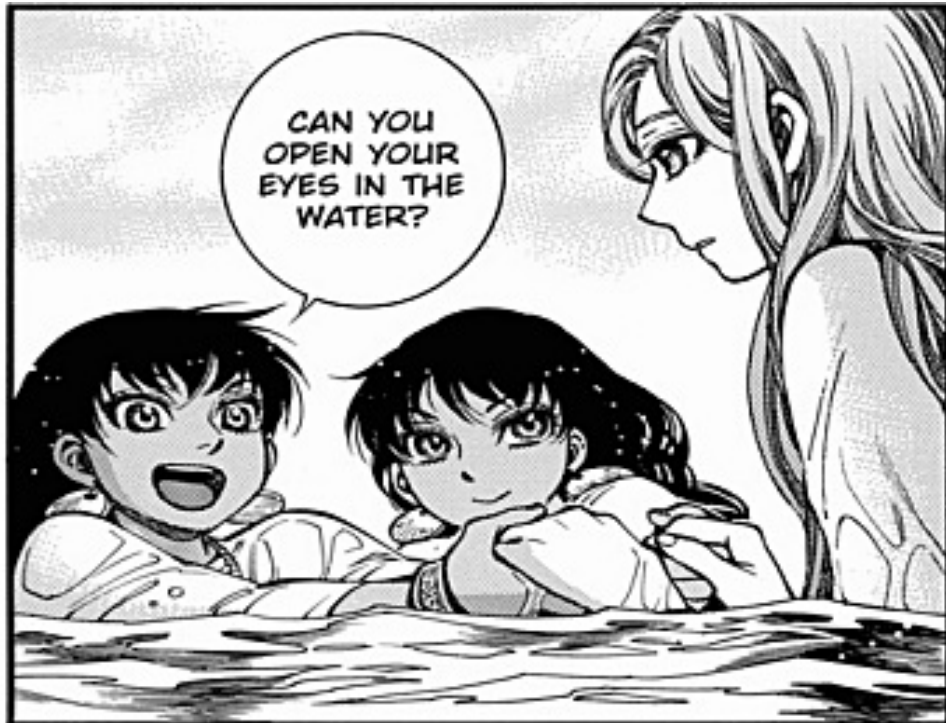


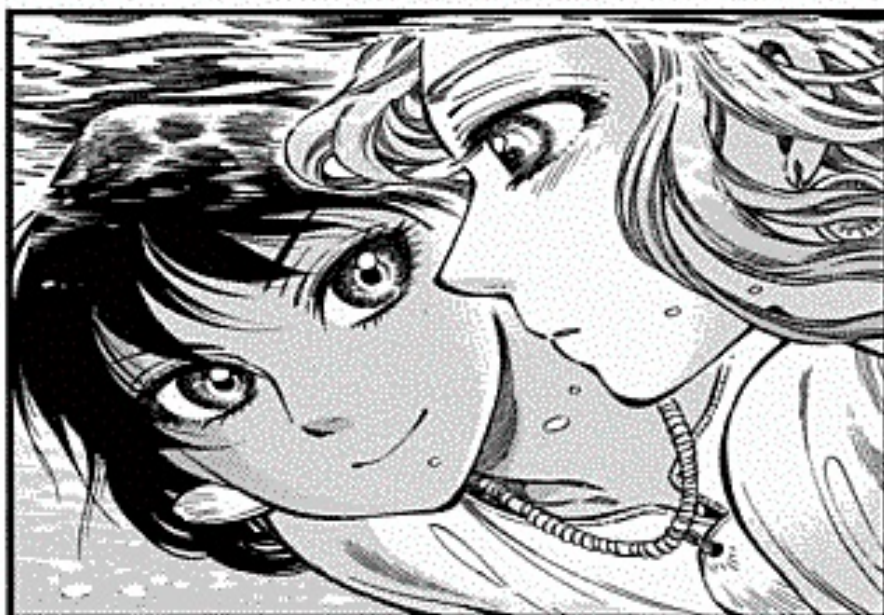
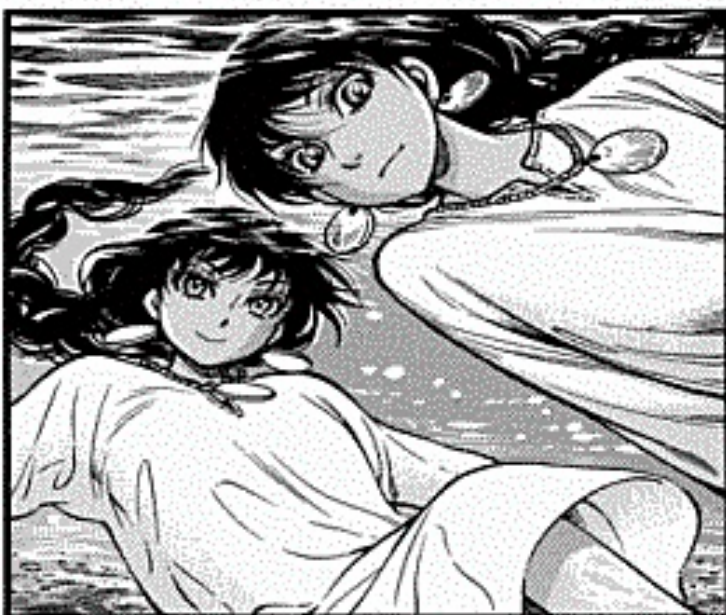
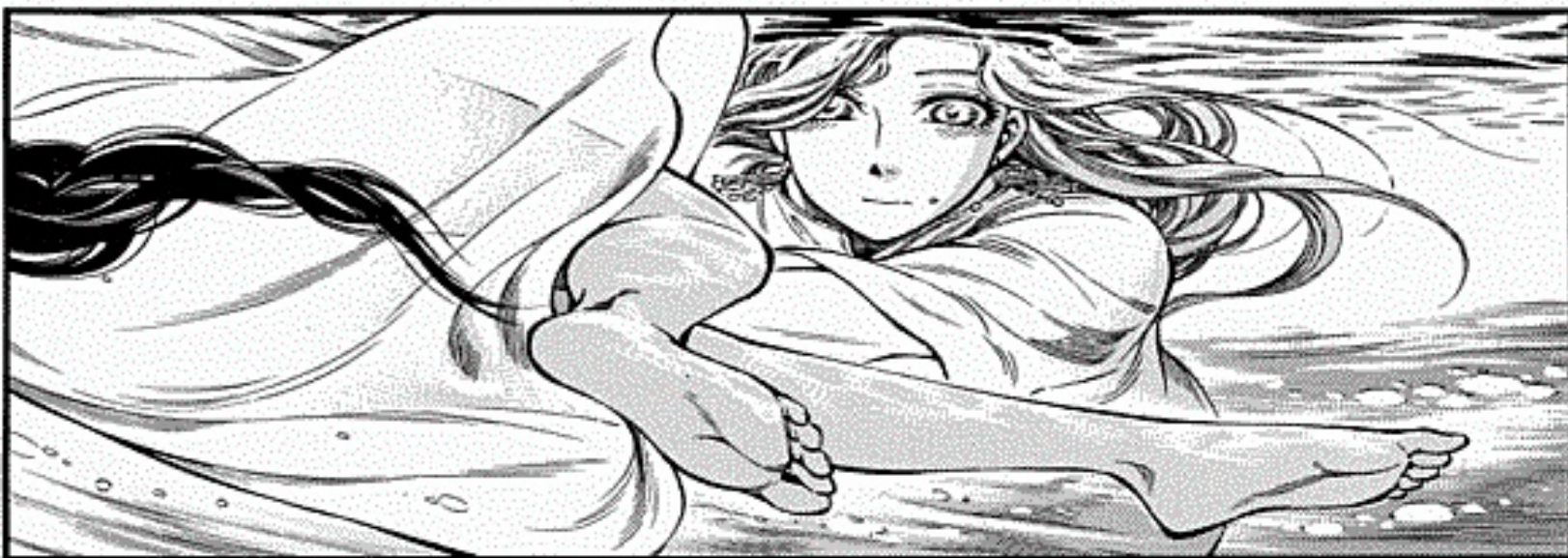
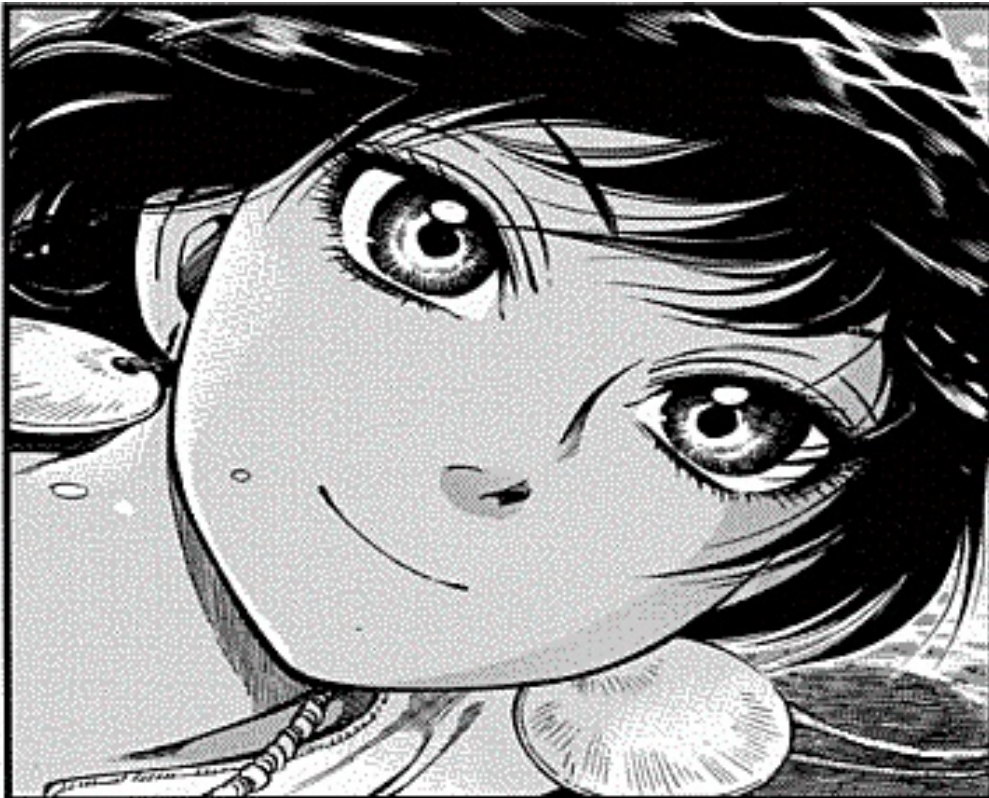
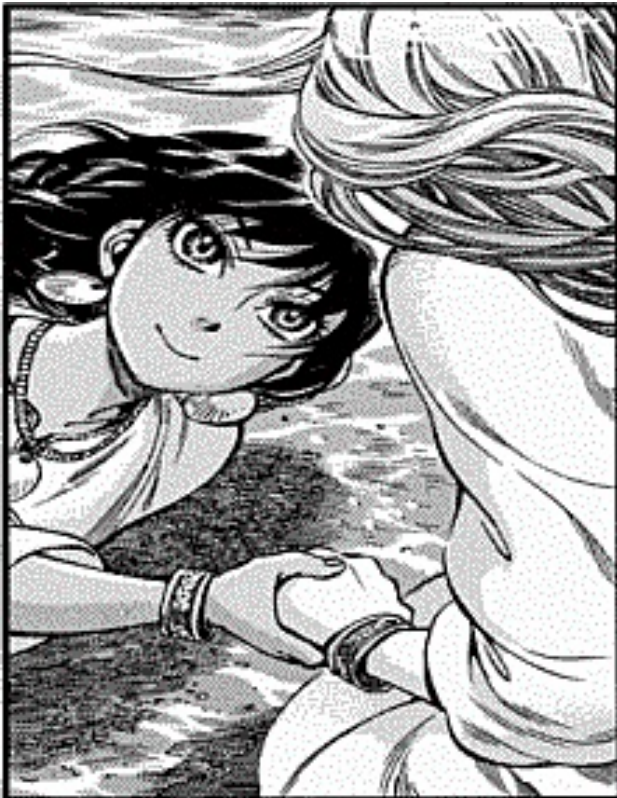
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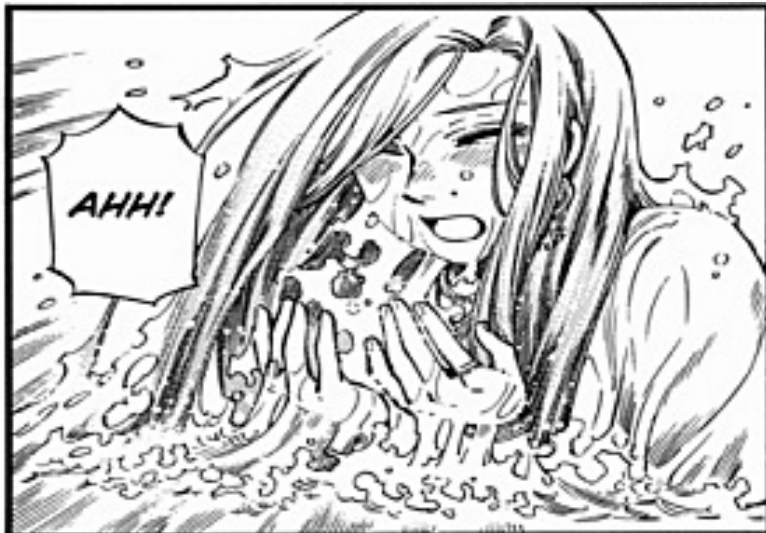


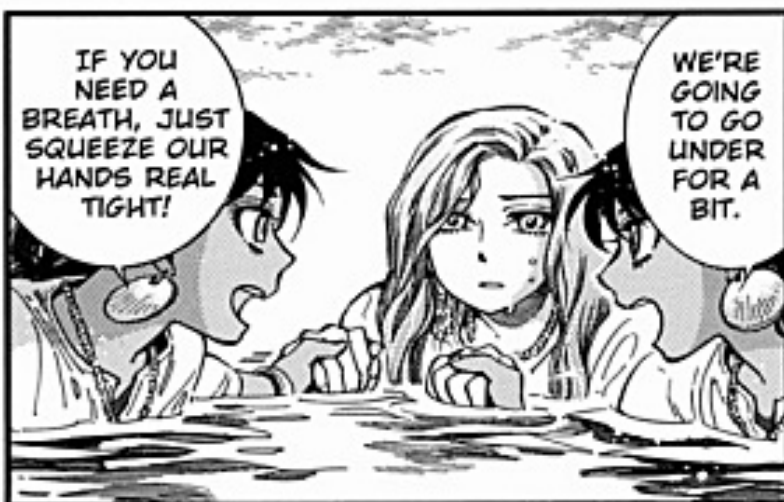
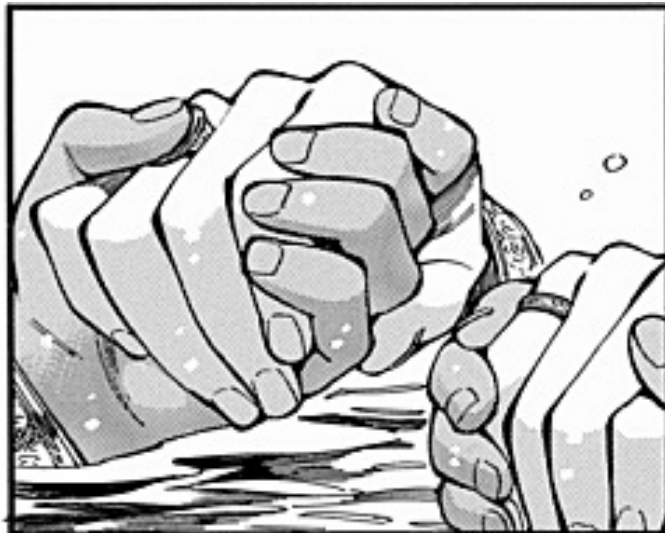


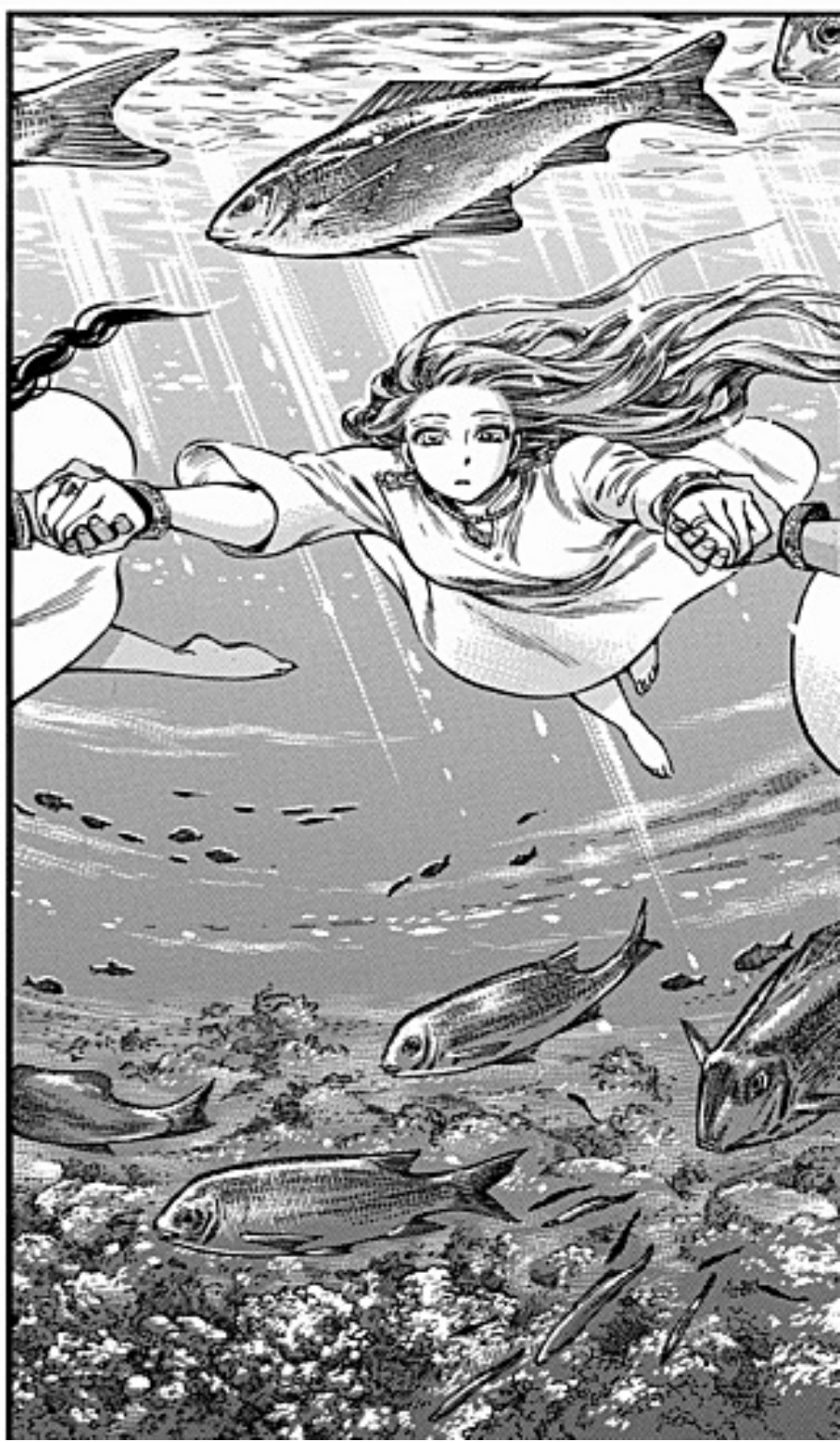
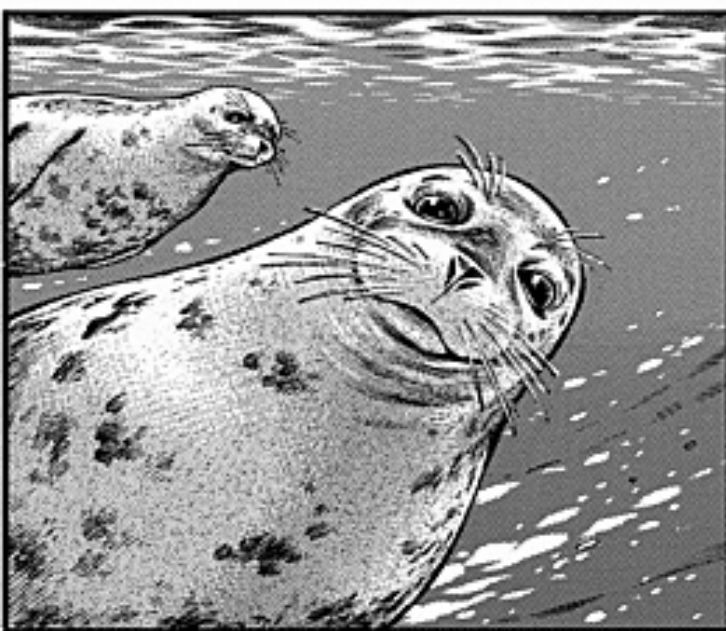
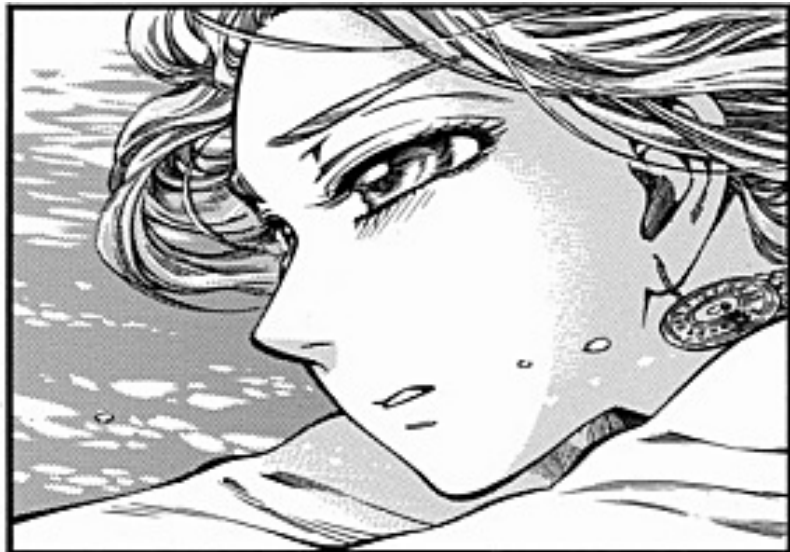


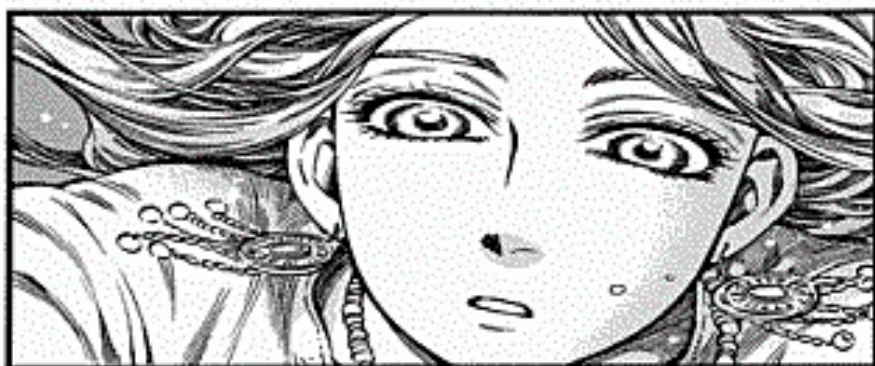
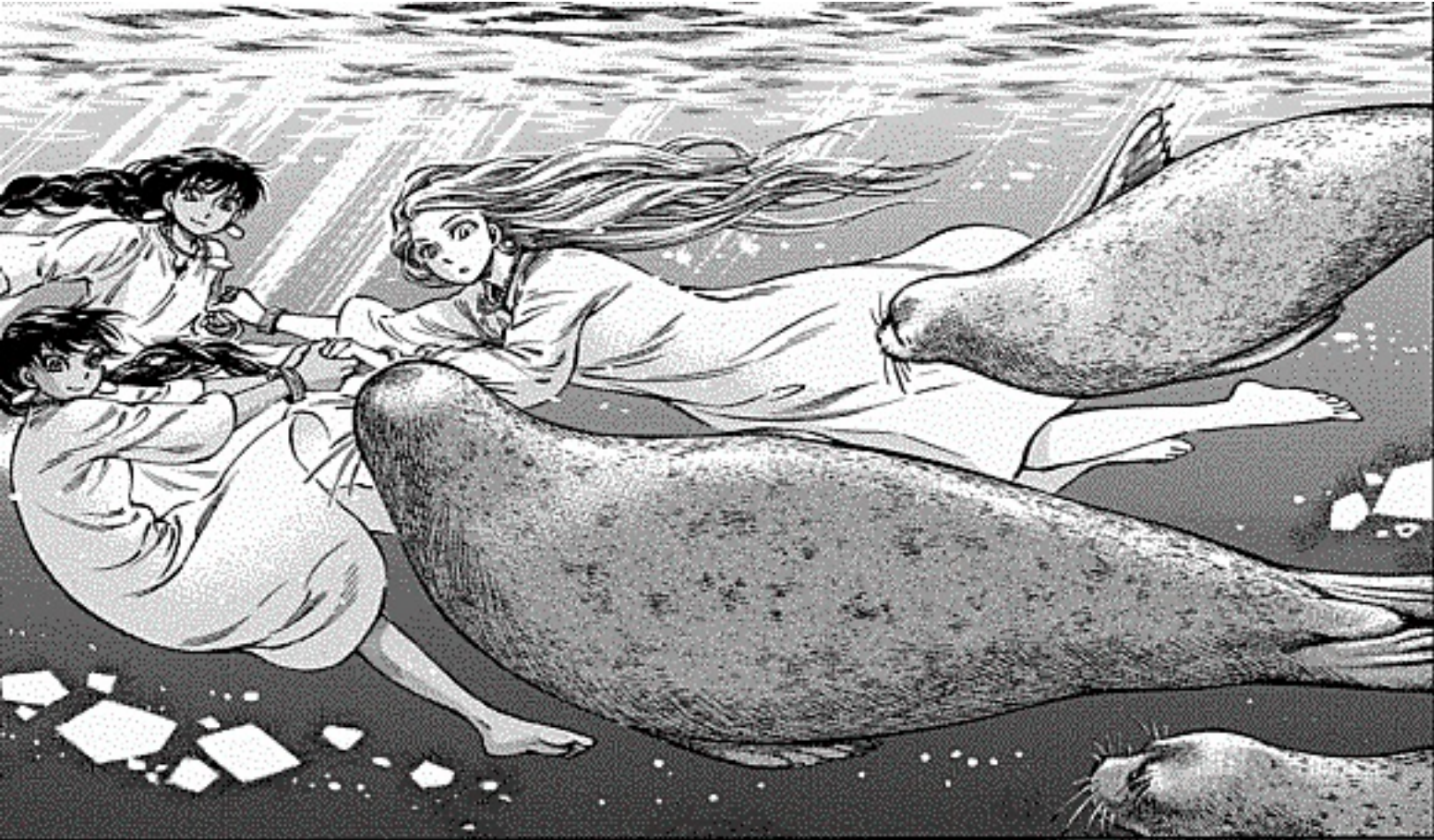


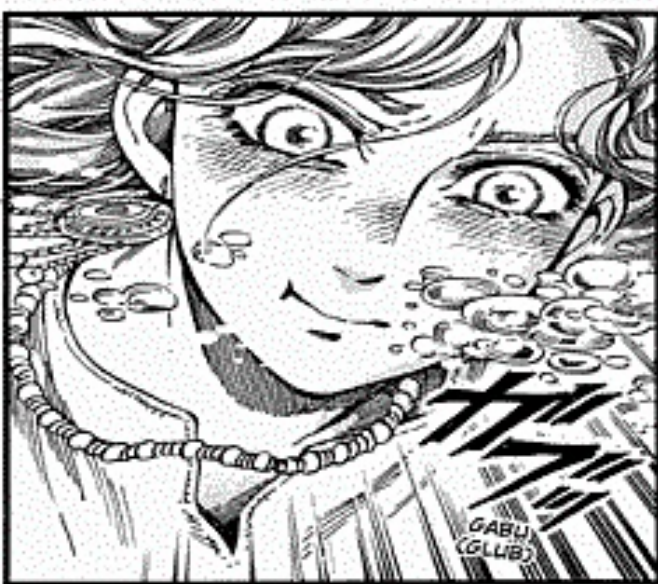


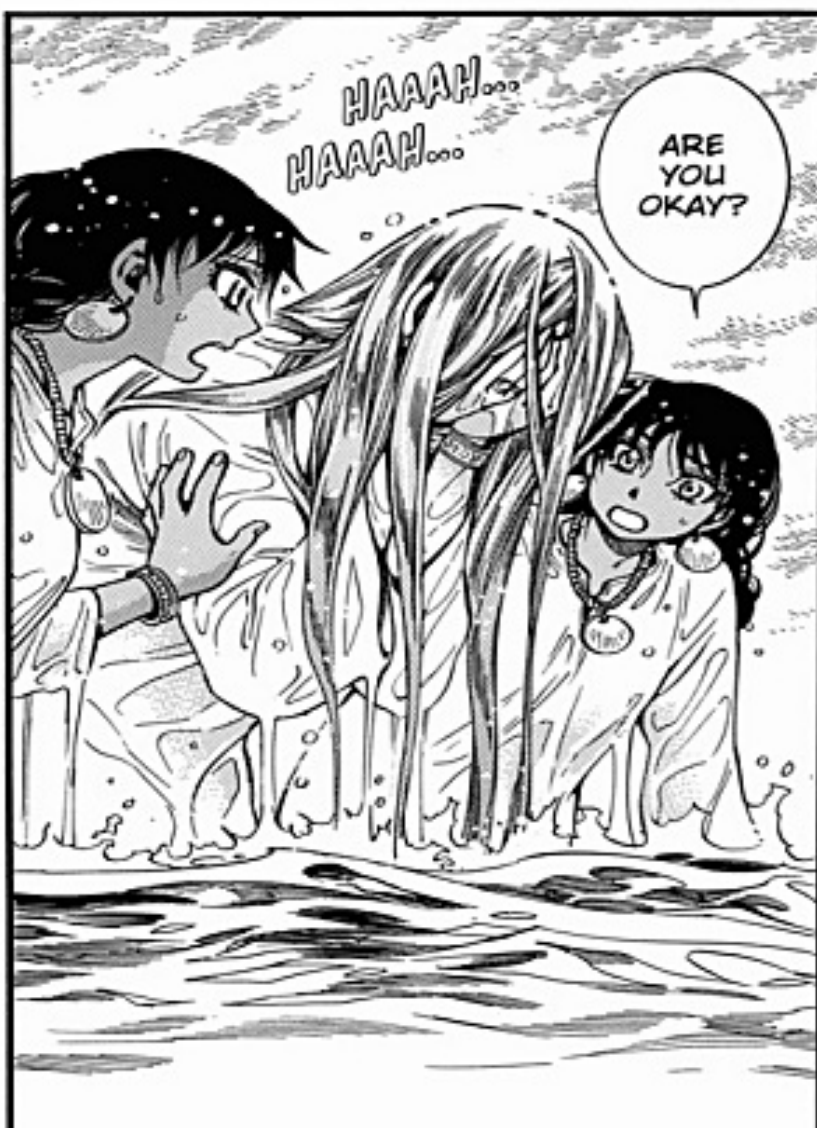


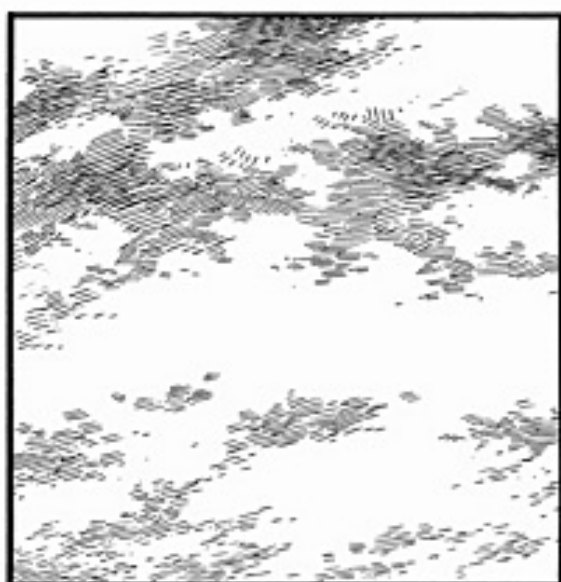
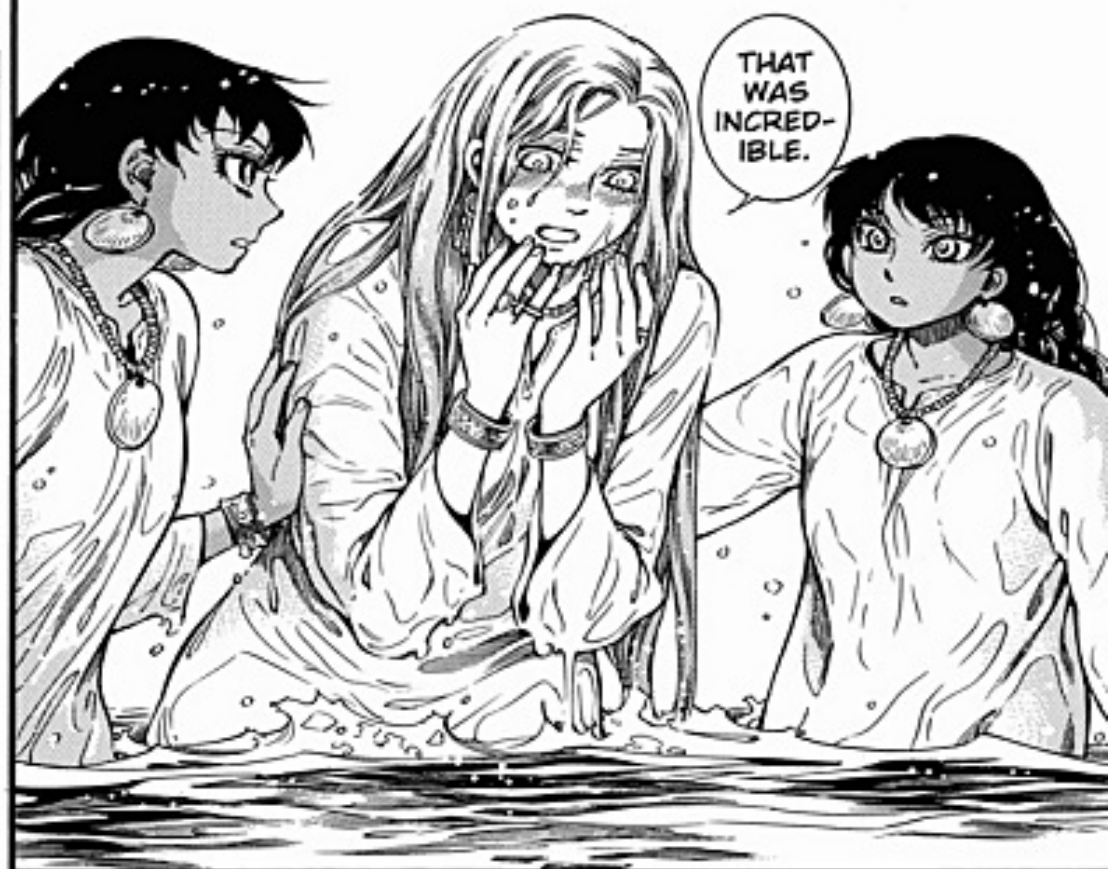


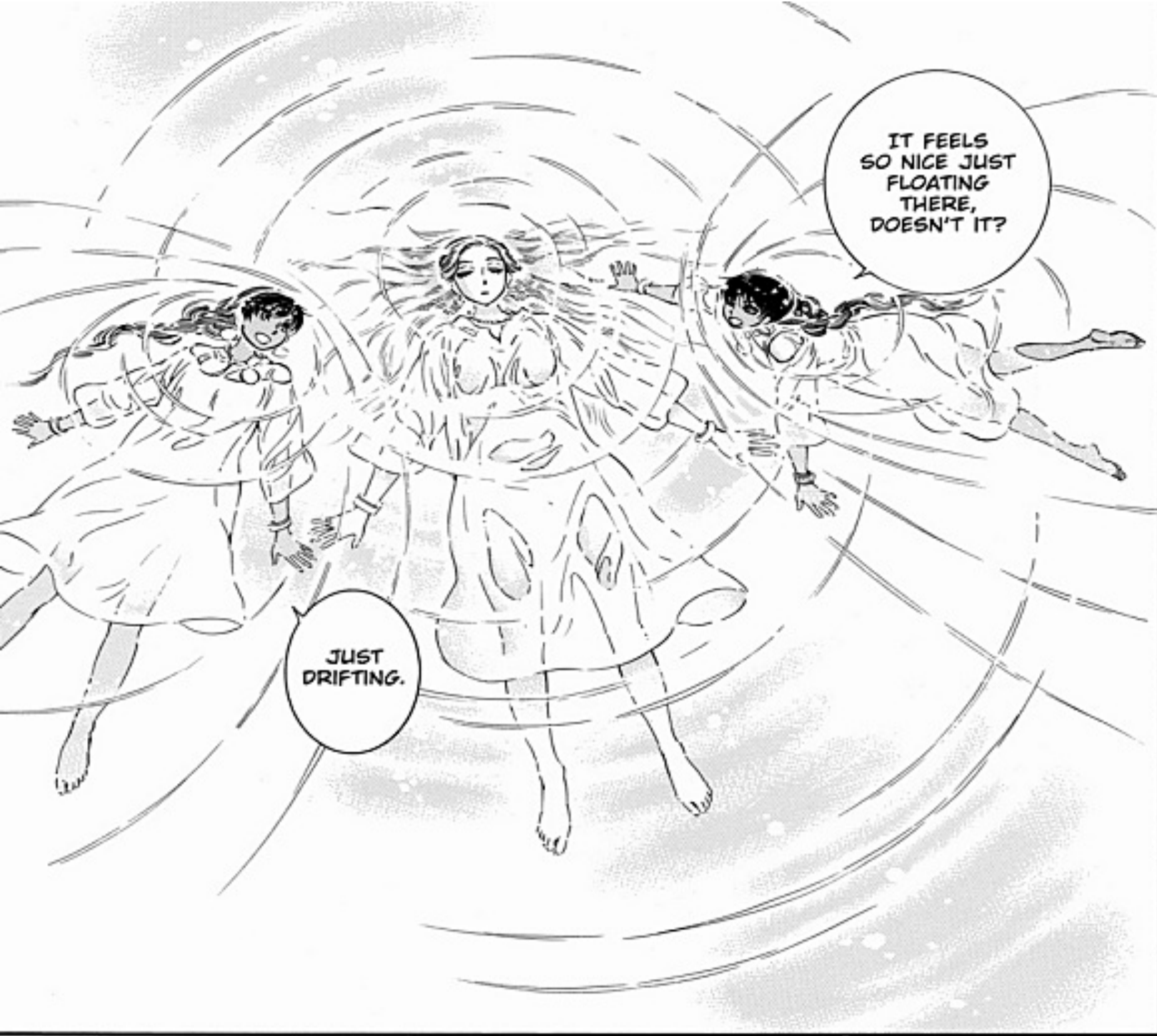


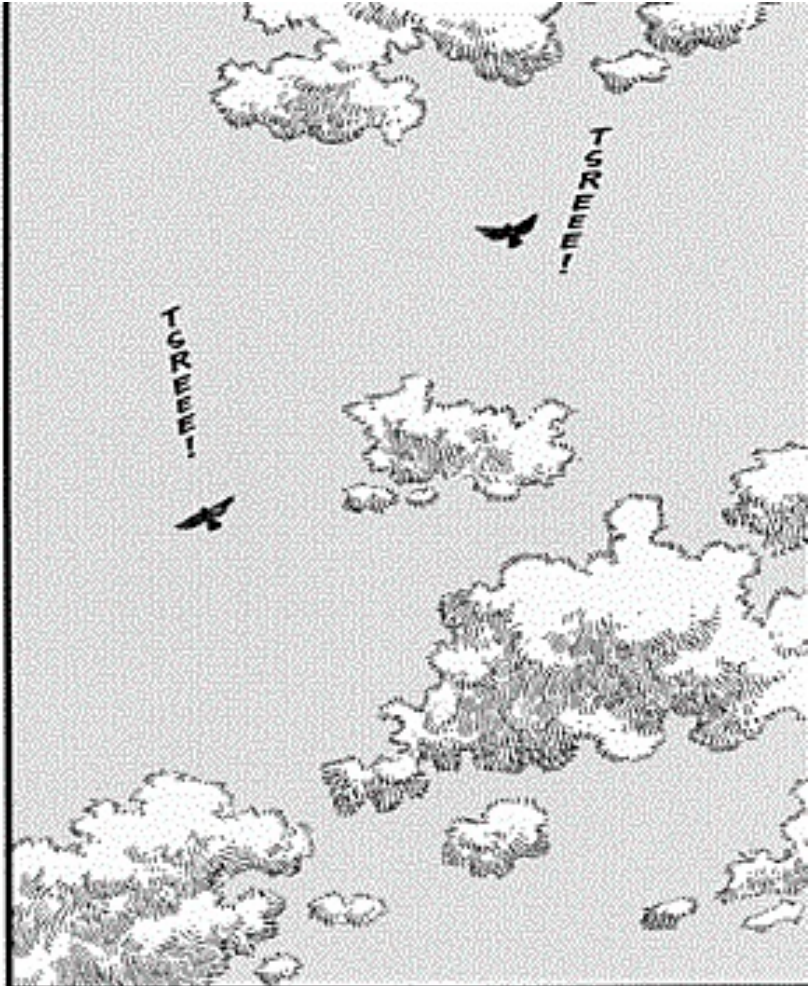
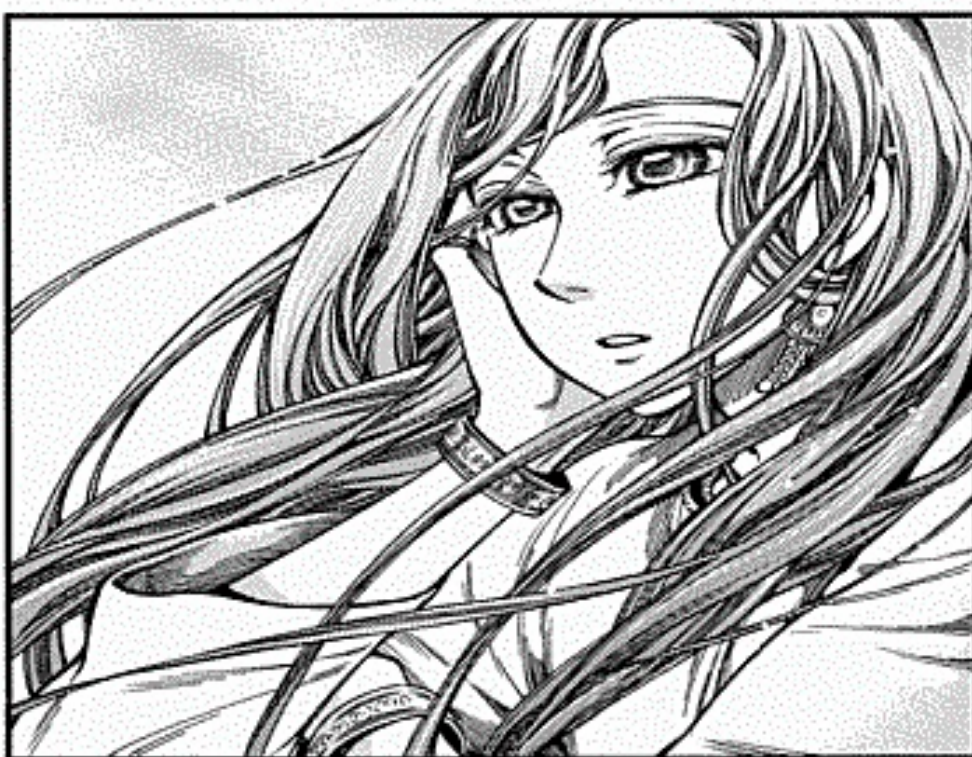
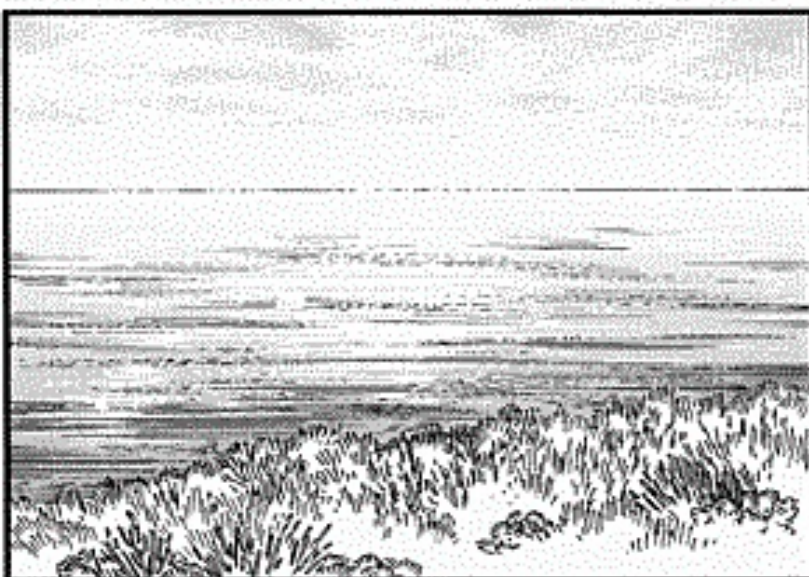
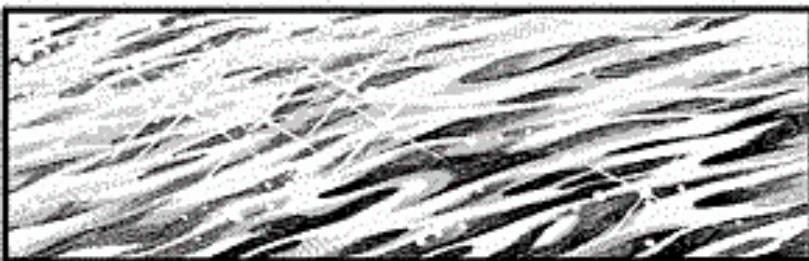




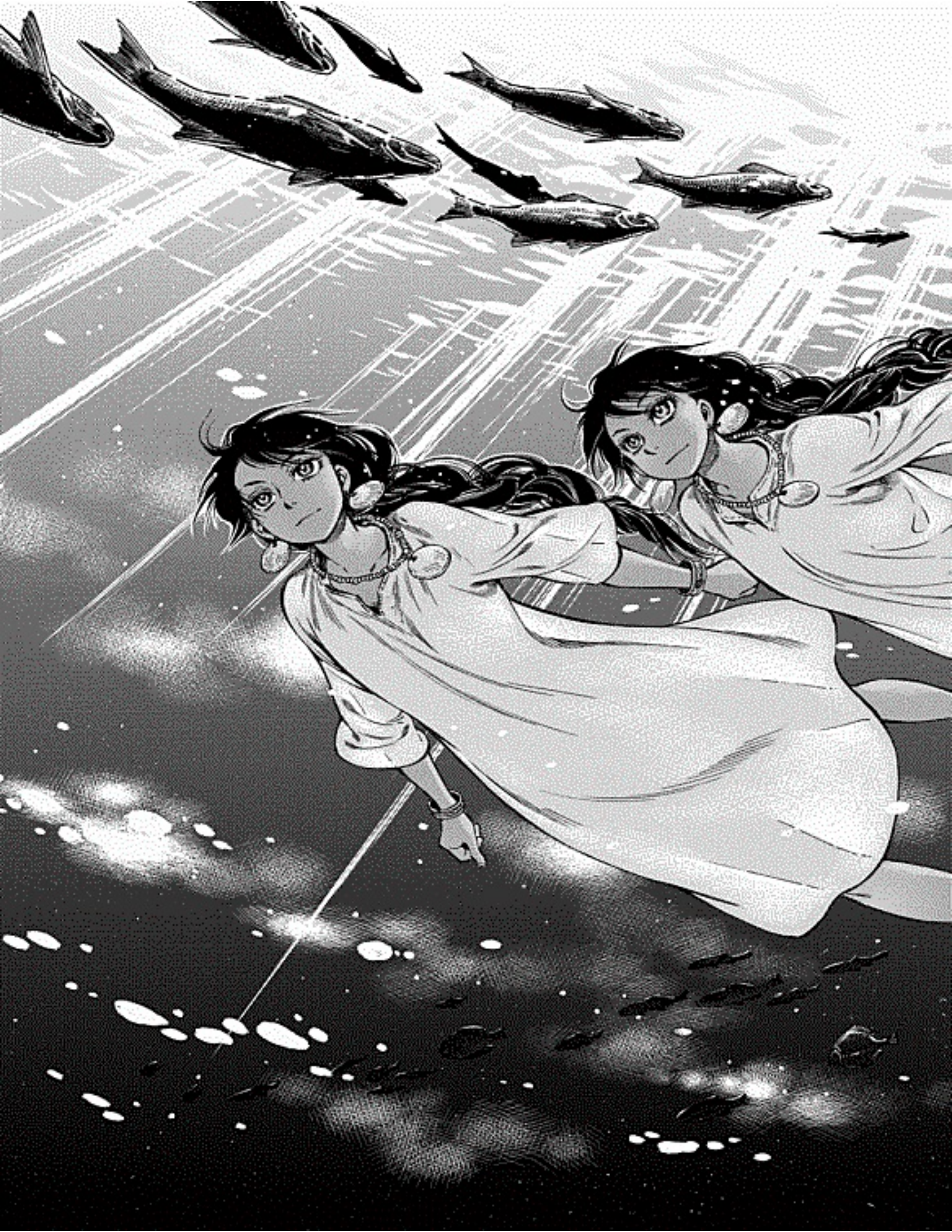


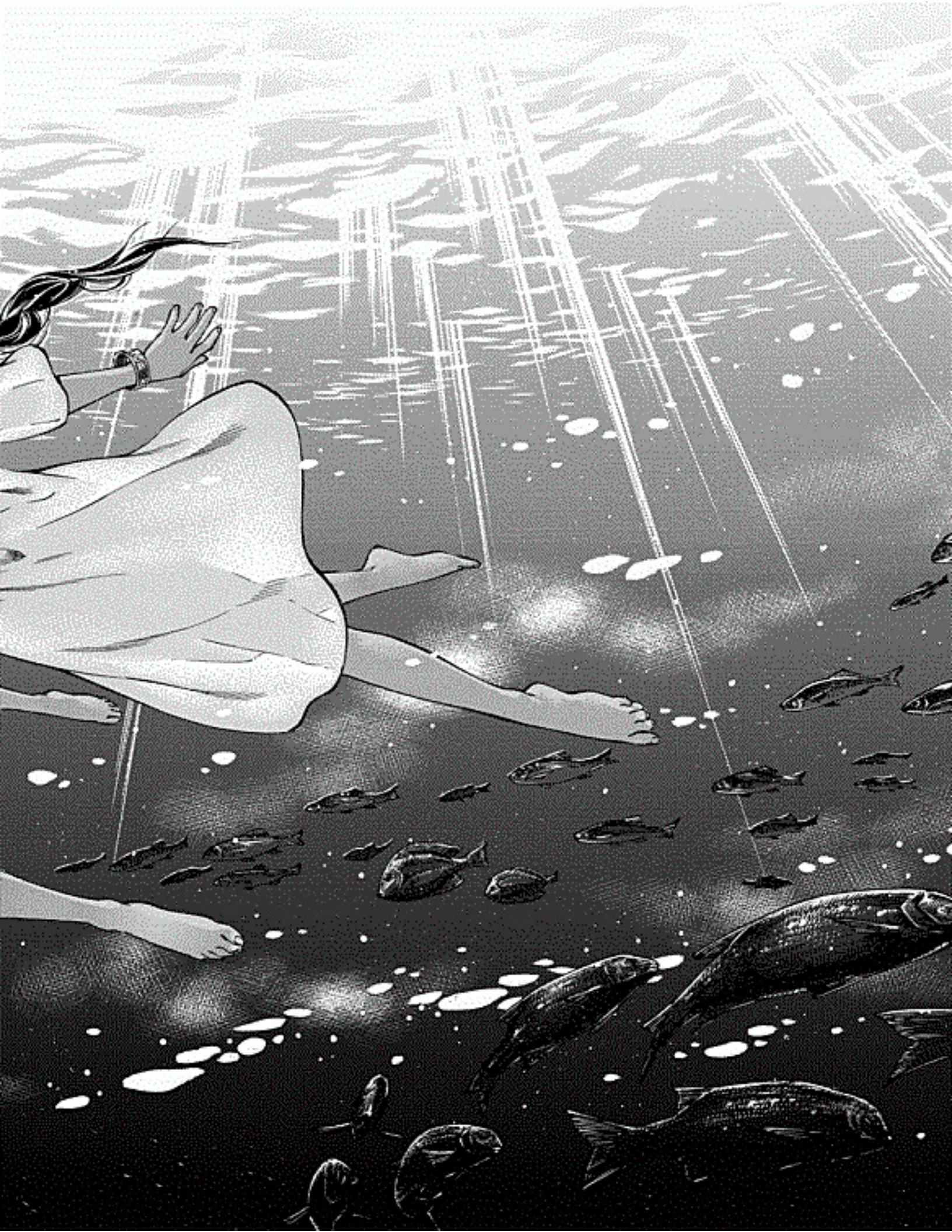


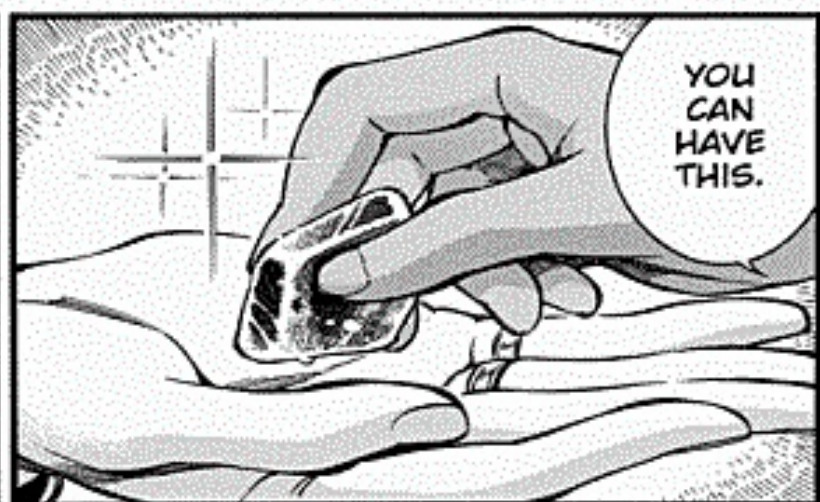
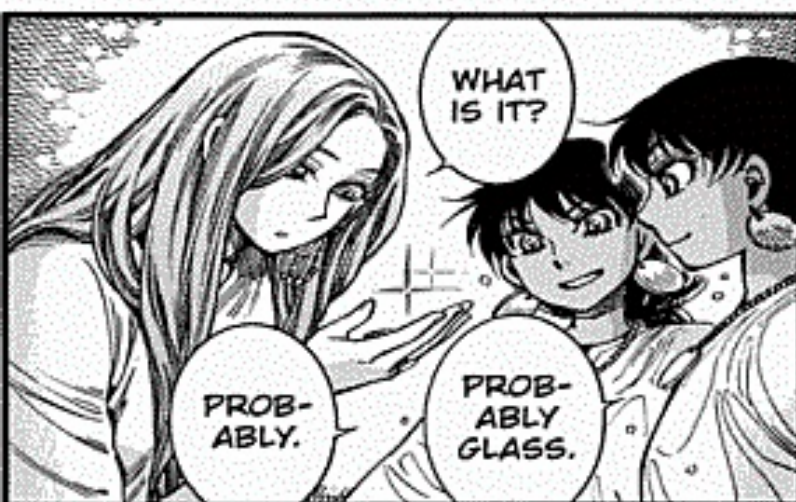


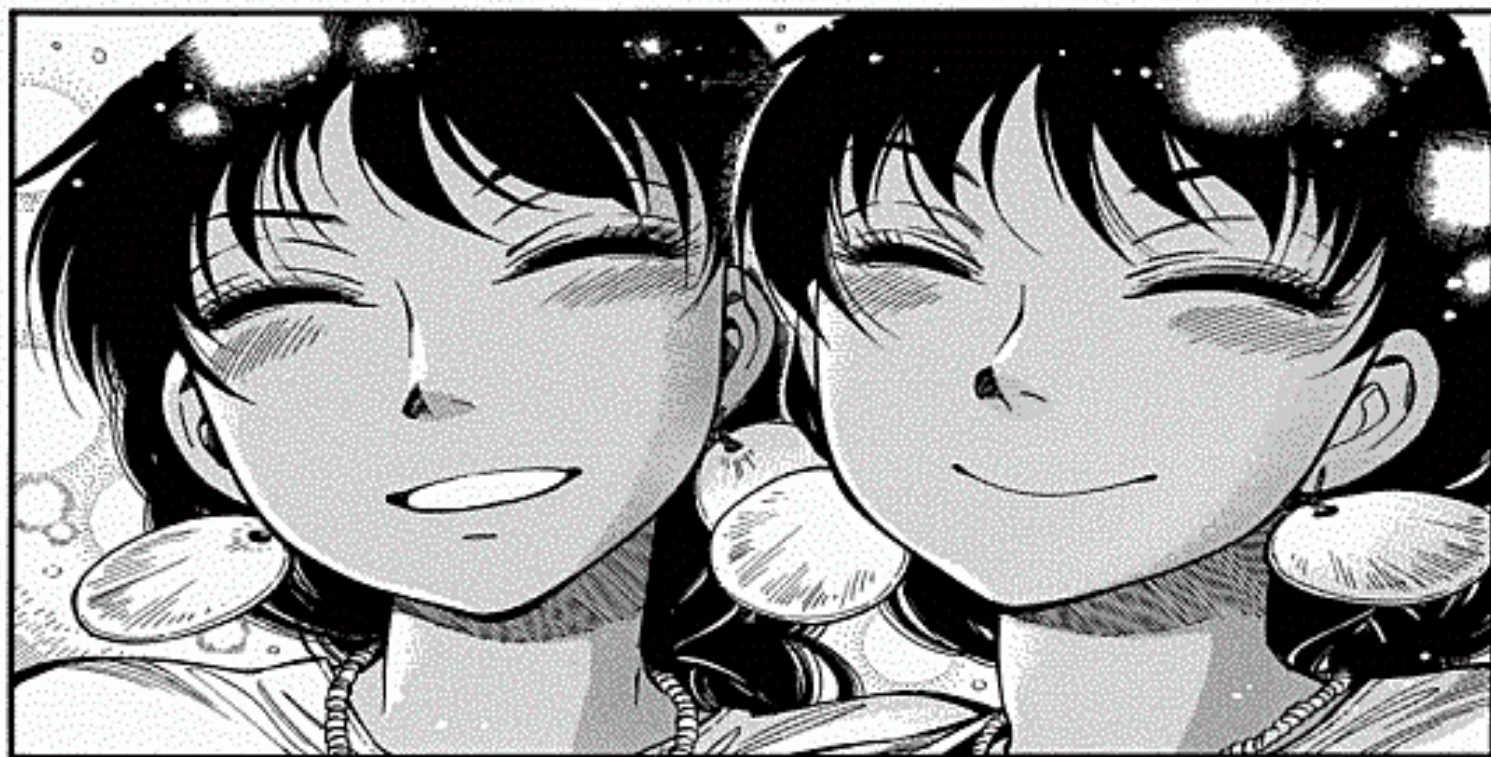
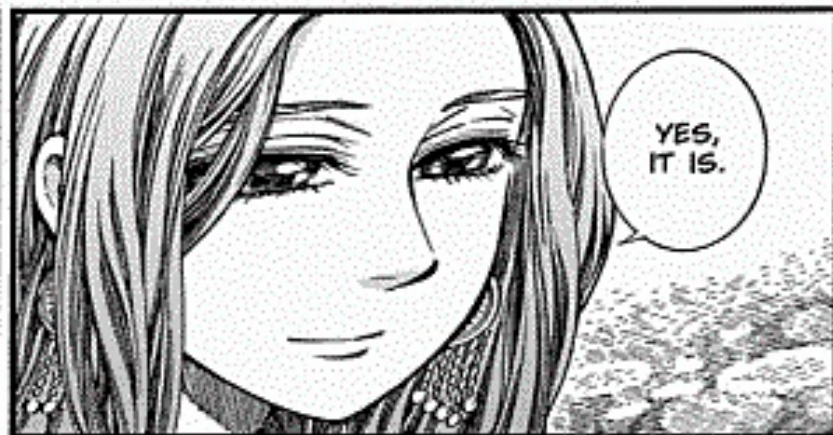
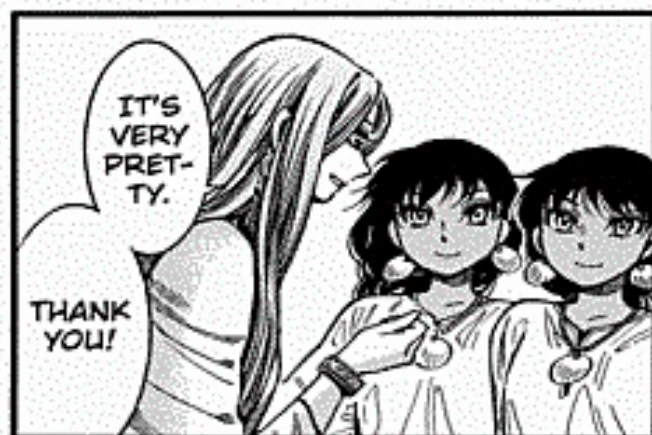
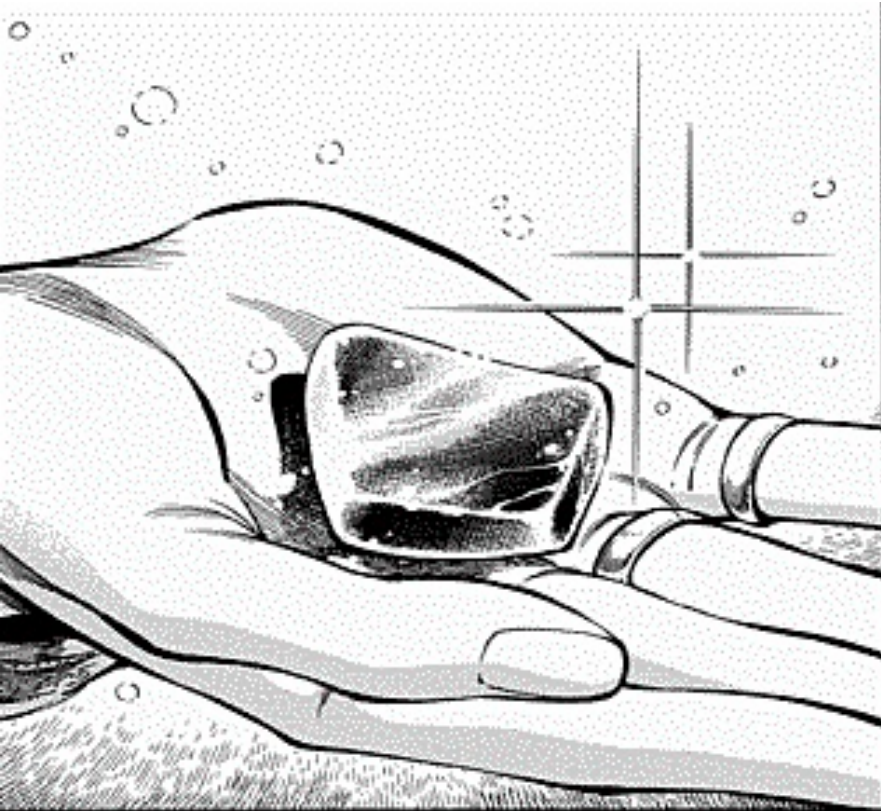


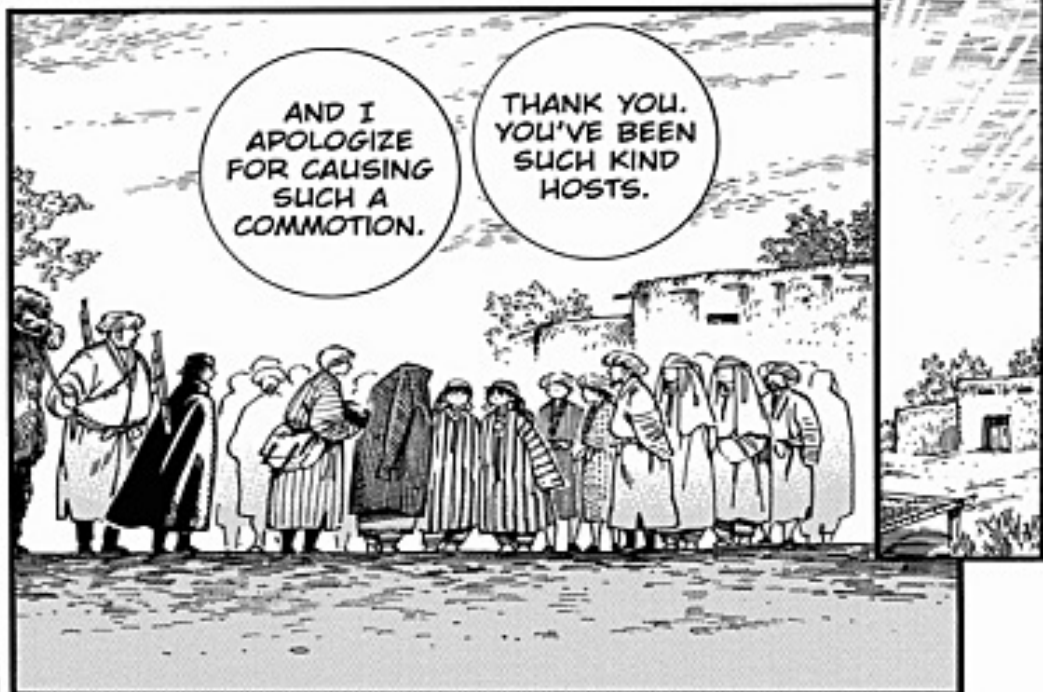














TRULY.

THANK
YOU.

IT
WAS SO
FUN BEING
ABLE TO
SWIM IN
THE SEA.



WELL
DONE,
LADS!

WELL,
YOU TWO
MADE
FINE
HOSTS!



THEY ARE
MY SONS
AND HEIRS,
AFTER ALL!



YOU REALLY
PUT YOUR
HEARTS INTO
THE FEAST
YOU SERVED
US.

I'D
CERTAINLY
LIKE TO
THANK YOU
TWO.

AND YOU
TREATED
US TO
A VERY
ENJOYABLE
TIME.

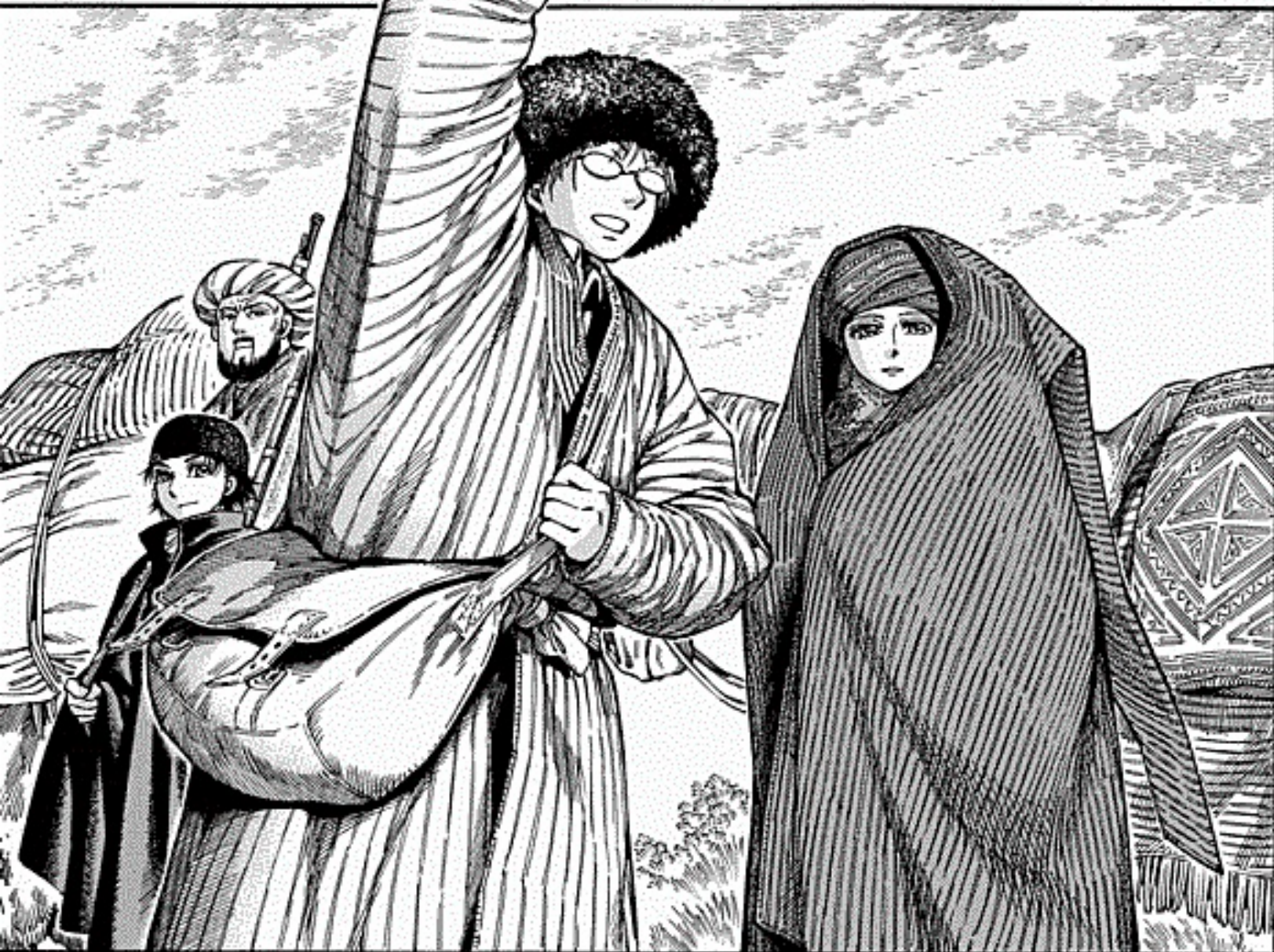








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UNEASE
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...ALL
SEEMED TO
REFER TO
YOU AS A
DOCTOR, MR.
SMITH.

...THE
PEOPLE
OF THAT
TOWN...



COME TO
THINK OF
IT...



SO WE
STRUCK
UPON THE
IDEA OF A
DOCTOR.

IF
SOMEONE
AS ODD-
LOOKING AS
I WERE TO
SUDDENLY
COME UPON
THEM...

...THEY
MIGHT FIND
IT HARD TO
TRUST ME.



AH!

OH,
THAT.

HOW TO
EXPLAIN
IT...



ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT?

ALI?

















AND
I'VE LEFT
THE DECISION
OF WHETHER
AND WHEN WE
TURN BACK
TO ALI.



MR.
NIKO-
LOV-
SKI...

...SAYS HE'S
WILLING TO
COME ALONG
WITH US.



IS
THAT
SO?



RECENTLY
THAT AREA
HAS BEEN
BESET BY
RUSSIAN
ATTACKS.



THERE'S
A GREAT
DEAL OF
UNREST.







BACK THEN,
SHE WAS THE
ONE KIND
ENOUGH TO
LISTEN TO
ME...



I
TOO...

...WOULD
LIKE TO
THANK
THEM FOR
THEIR
KINDNESS.



THEY DON'T
KNOW HOW
FAR YOU
WENT, TRYING
TO FIND ME.



THEY'LL
BE SUR-
PRISED
WHEN WE
ARRIVE
TOGETH-
ER.

I'M
SURE
OF
THAT.



I
THINK...

...I'M
STARTING
TO FEEL EM-
BARRASSED
ABOUT
MEETING
THEM.



EH?

WHY
WOULD
THAT
BE?

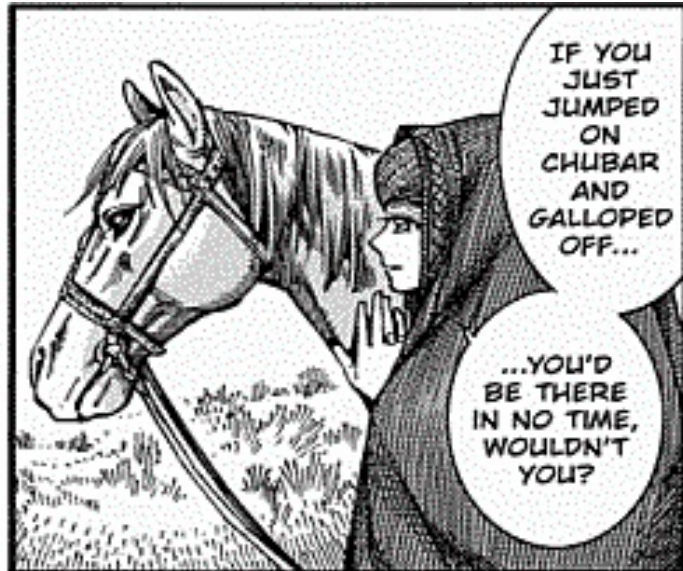






WE
HAVE THE
CAMELS
AND
BAGGAGE,
AFTER
ALL.

AND WHAT
GOOD WOULD
IT DO FOR ME
TO ARRIVE
WITH NONE OF
MY THINGS?



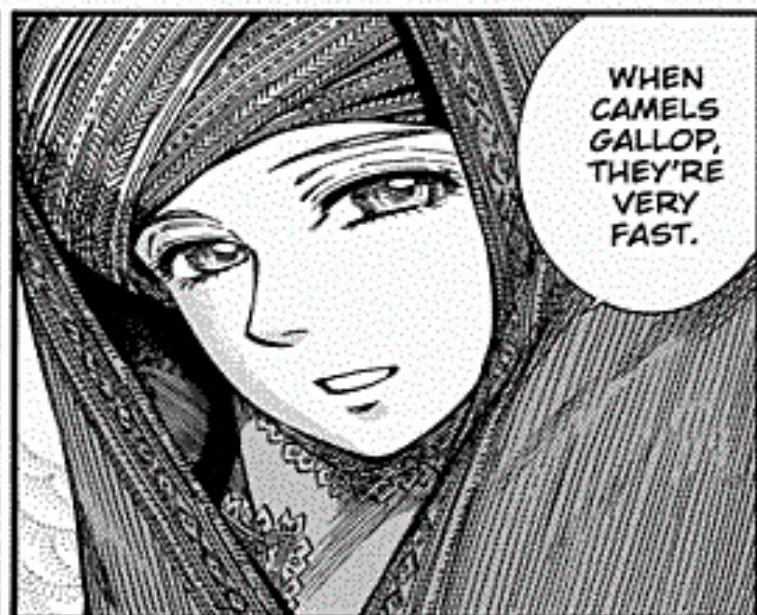
IF YOU
JUST
JUMPED
ON
CHUBAR
AND
GALLOPED
OFF...

...YOU'D
BE THERE
IN NO TIME,
WOULDN'T
YOU?



...THE
IDEA IS
TEMPTING.

STILL...



WHEN
CAMELS
GALLOP,
THEY'RE
VERY
FAST.



SO
THEY
ARE.

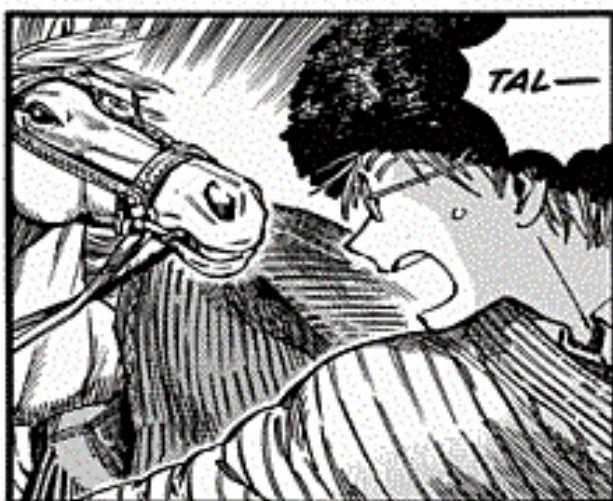
CHAPTER 92
BANDITS



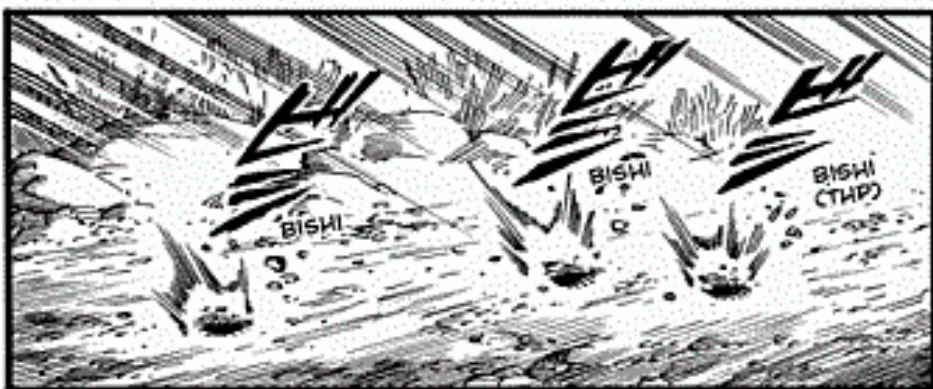
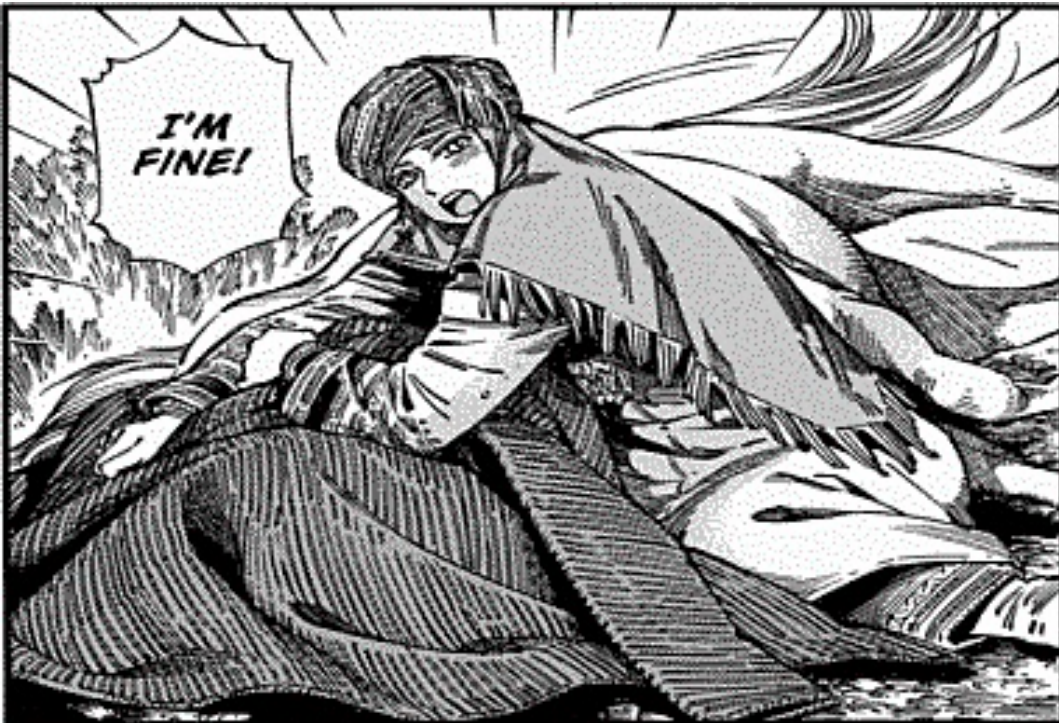
THE
WIFE'S
NAME
IS AMIR,
AND...



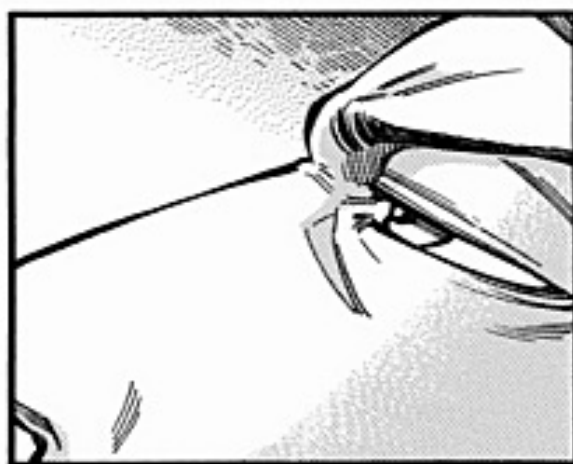


















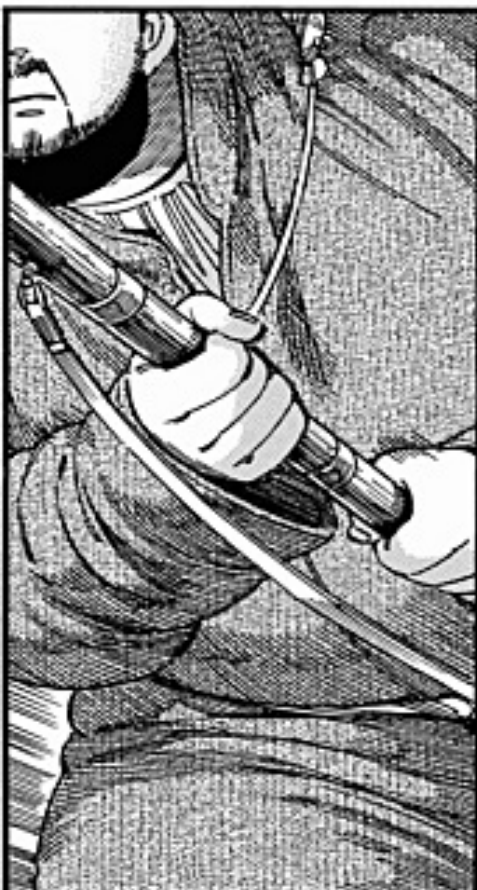






**WATCH
OUT!**



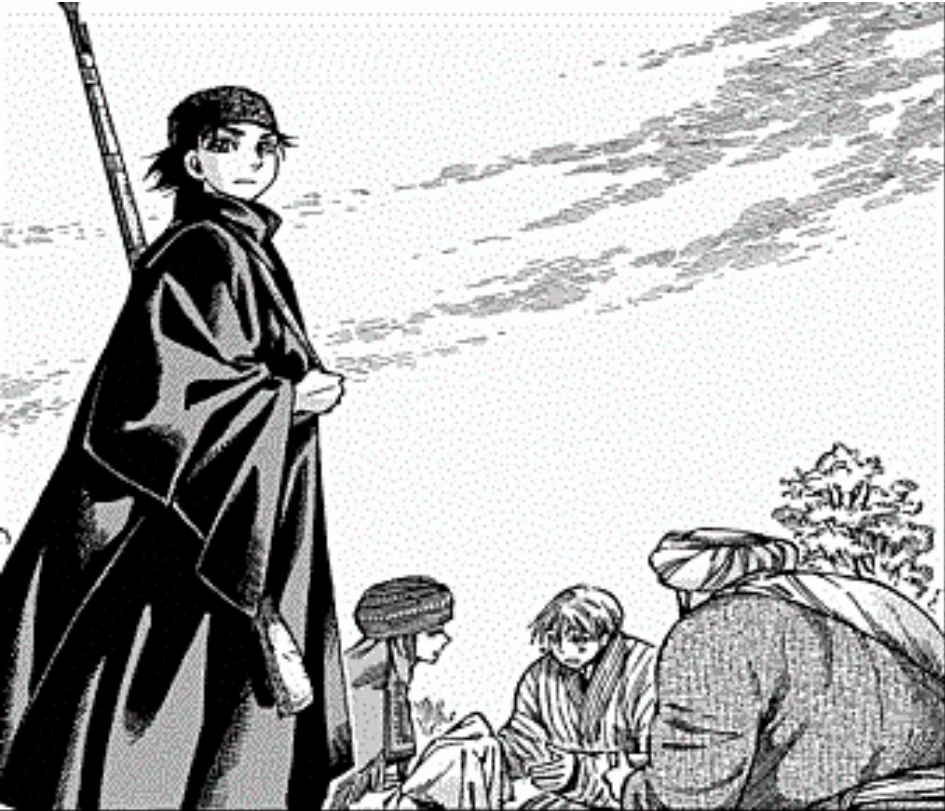




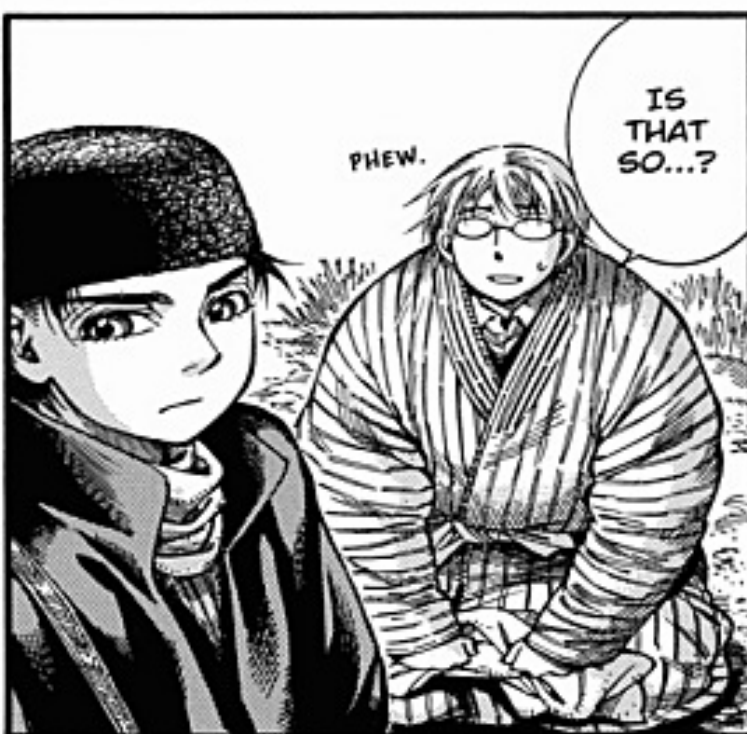


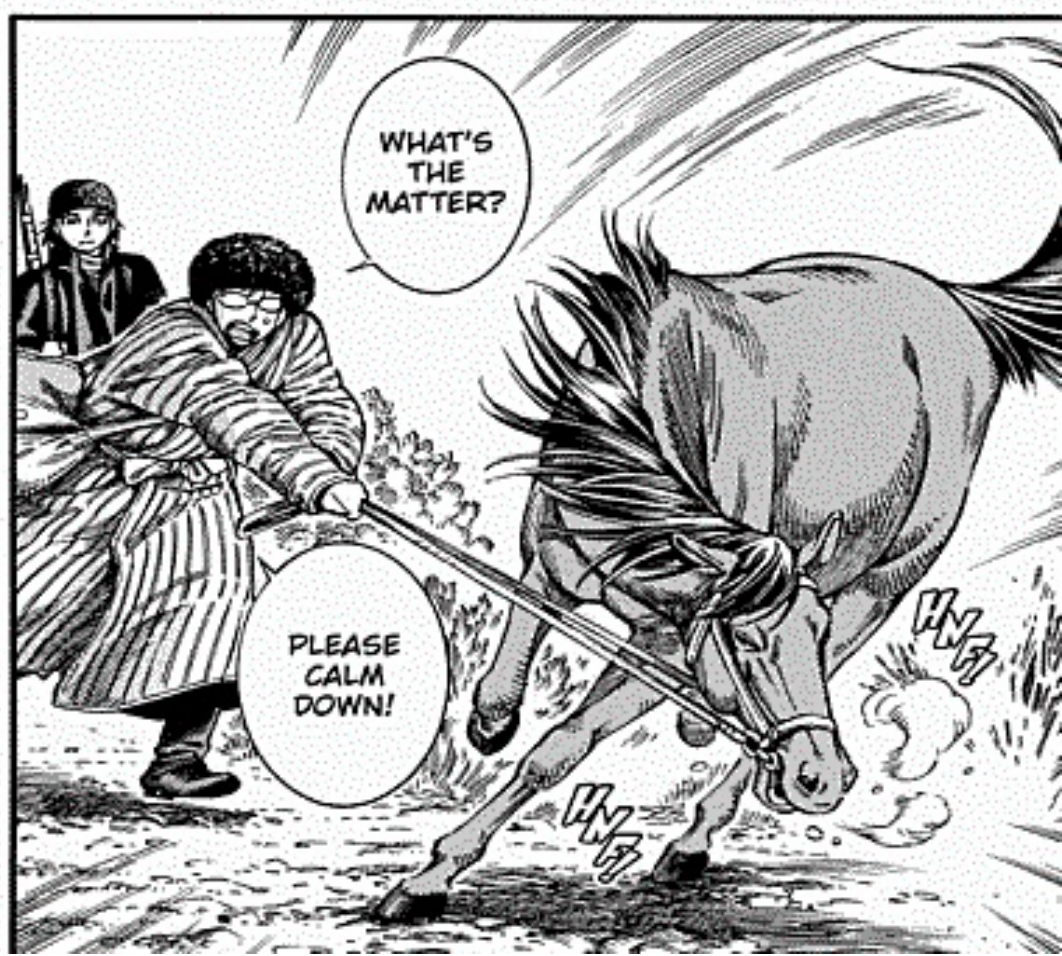
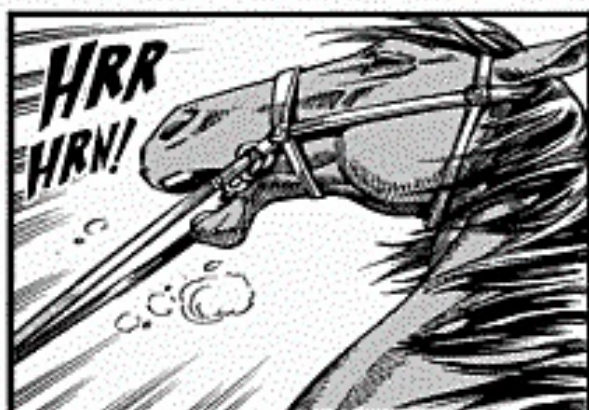


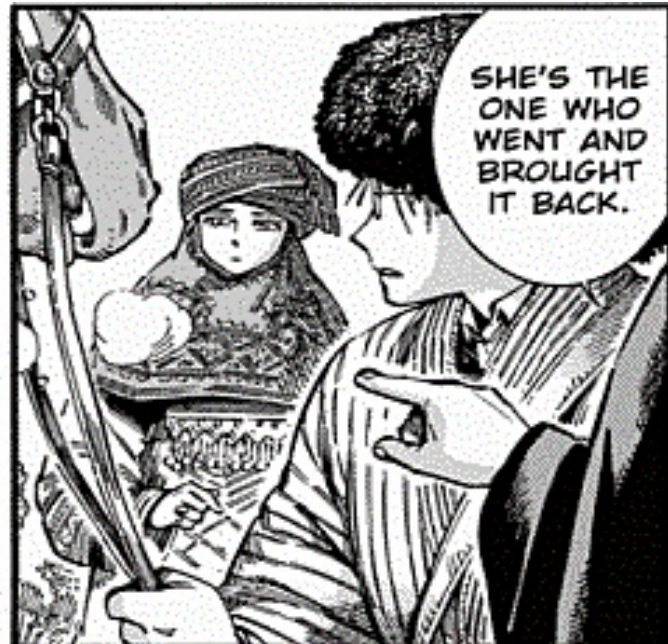


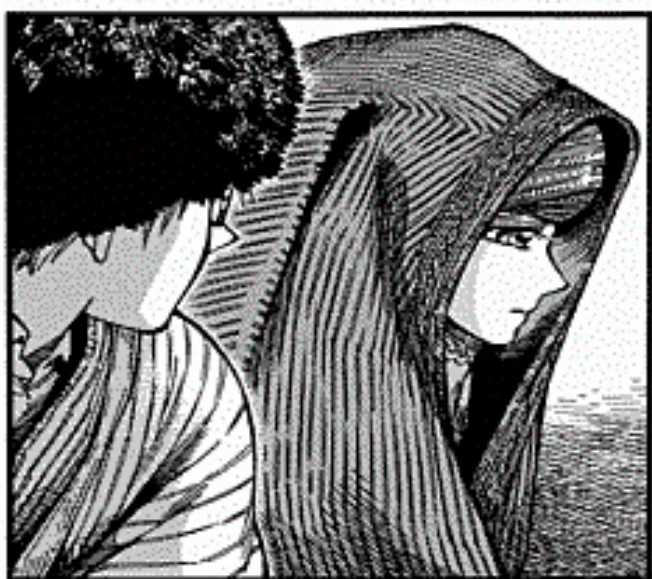




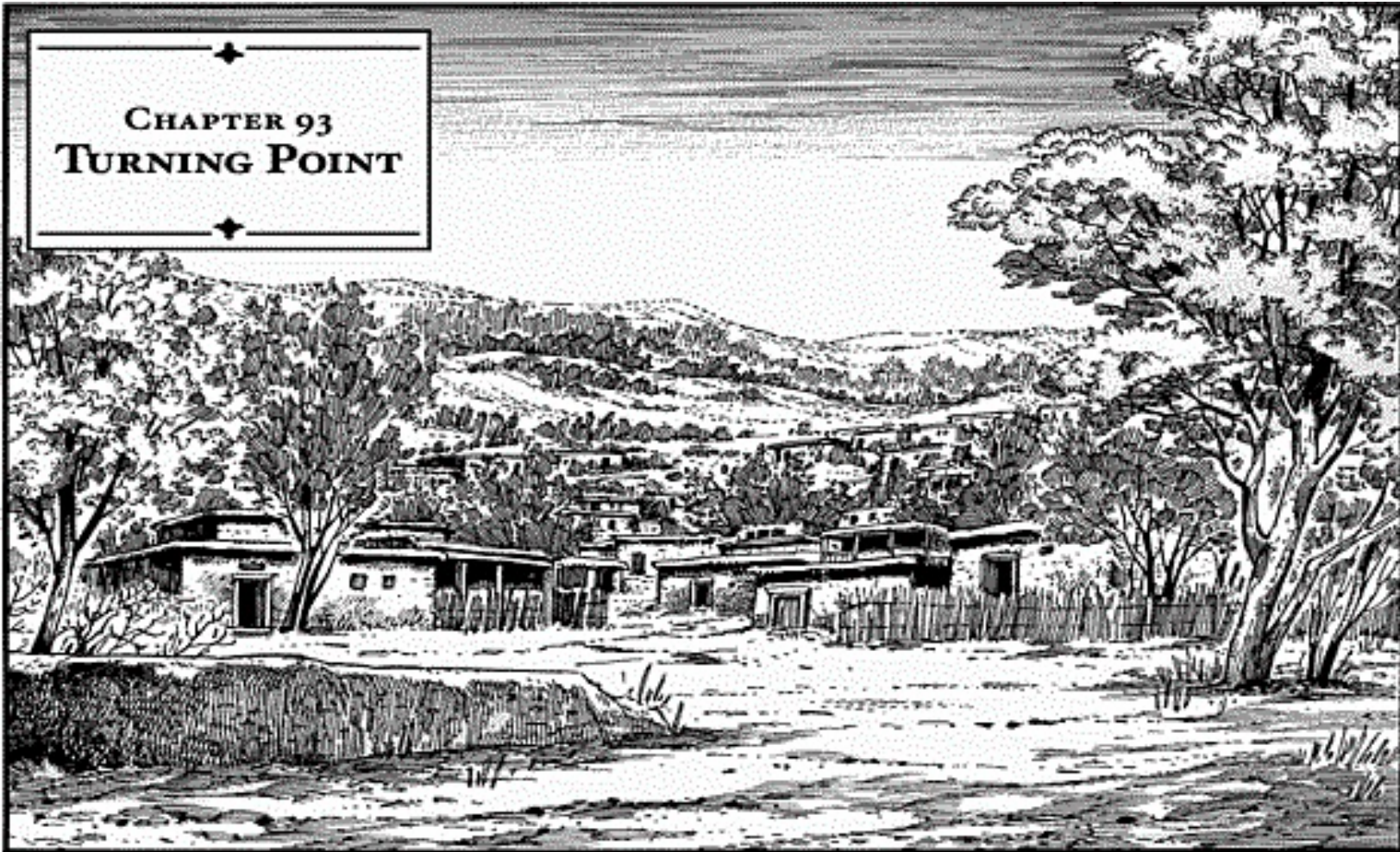








CHAPTER 93
TURNING POINT



RECENTLY

...SAFETY
HAS
STARTED
TO BECOME
A REAL
PROBLEM
AROUND
HERE.





JUST BACK THERE IN THAT MOUNTAIN PASS.

EVEN WE WERE ATTACKED.

AH... AS I FEARED.



EVEN BUYING GOODS IN TOWN...

...YOU SHOULDN'T GO UNARMED.



DADDY!

DADDY!



AS SOON AS THEY CATCH WIND OF RUMORS OF EVEN THE SLIGHTEST DANGER...

SO INNS ARE HAVING A TOUGH TIME TOO.

...CARAVANS TURN AND AVOID THE AREA.



WILL YOU BE QUIET!?

WE HAVE GUESTS HERE!



DOTA (SCAMPER)

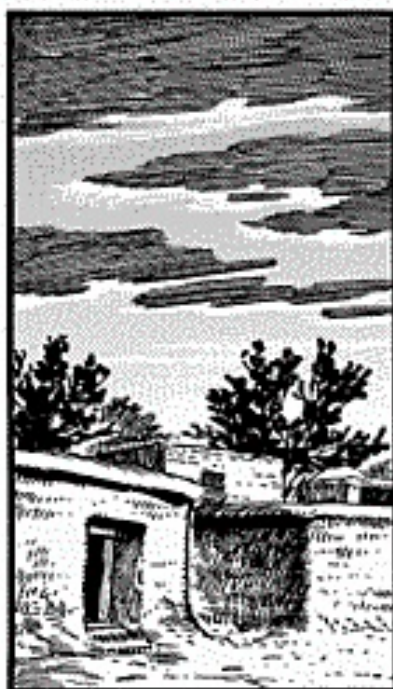
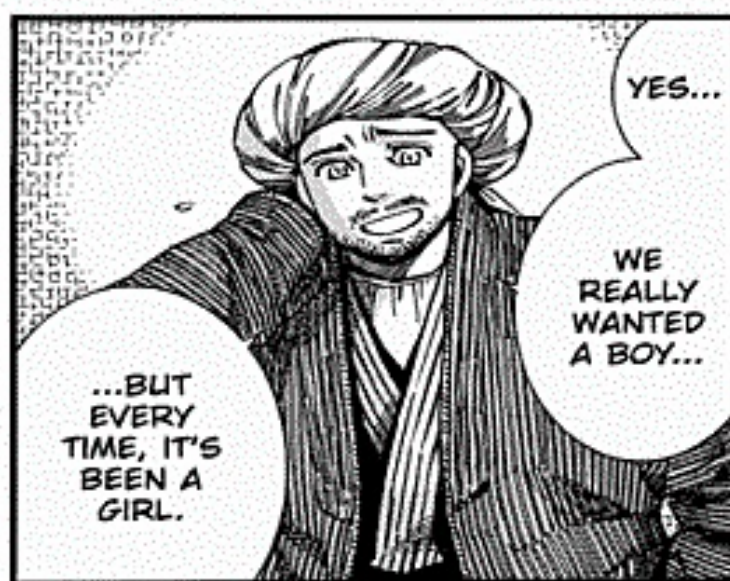
DOTA

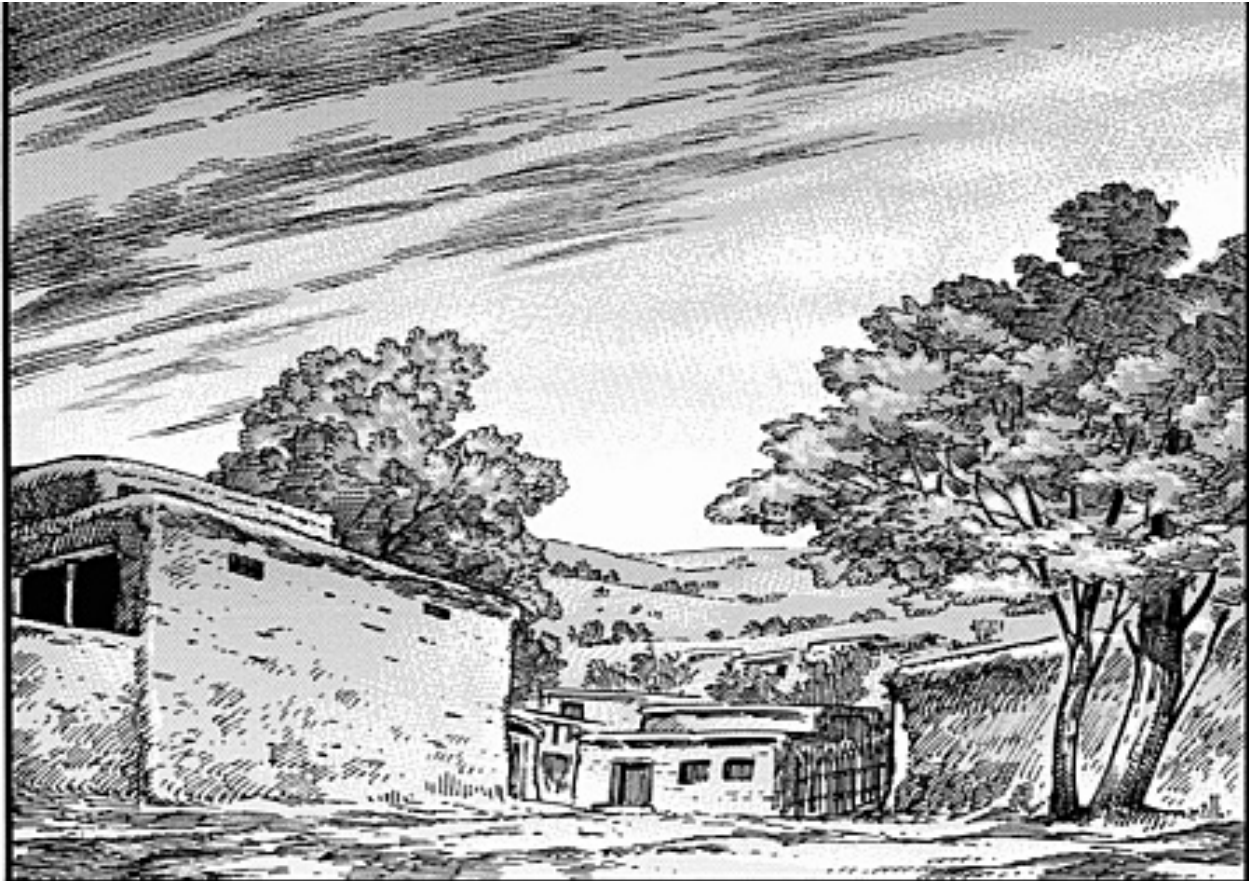
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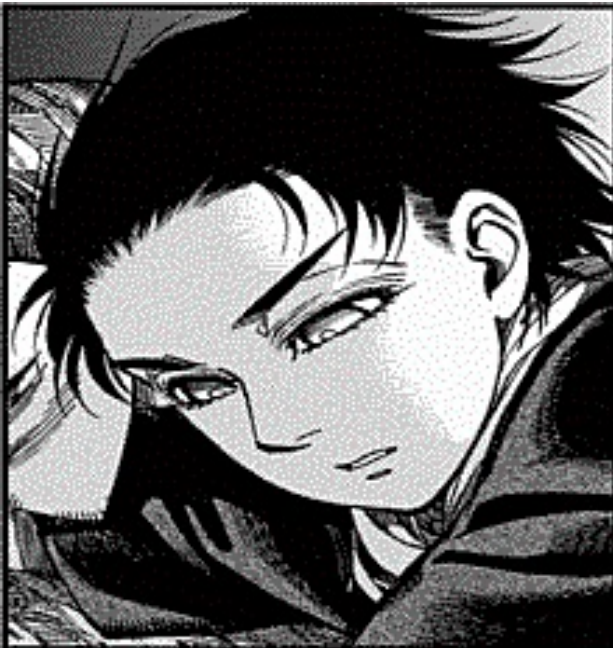
WE JUST CAME FROM SEEING IT!

THE HORSE AT GRANDMA'S HAD A BABY!

AND IT'S ALL BROWN!



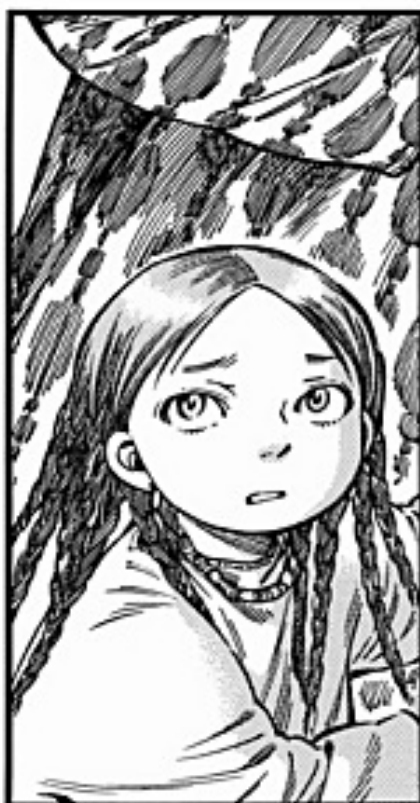






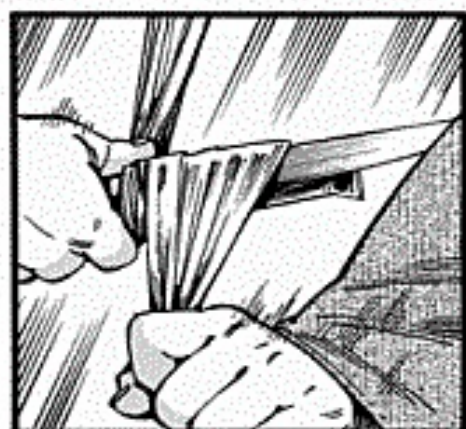




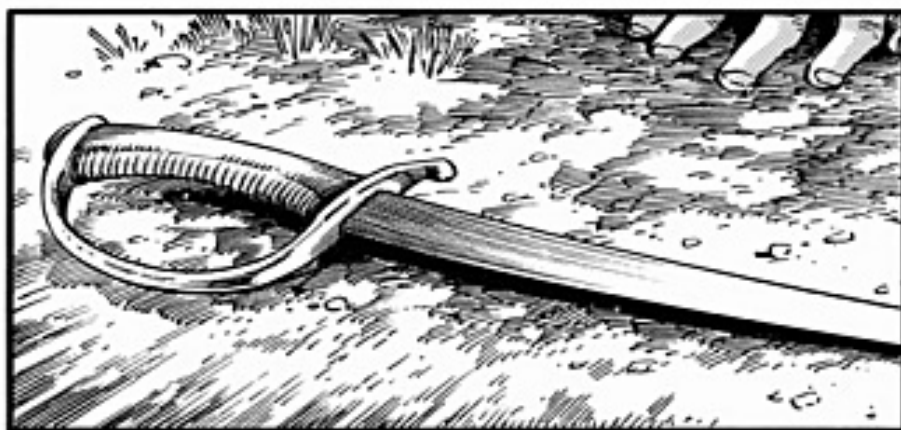






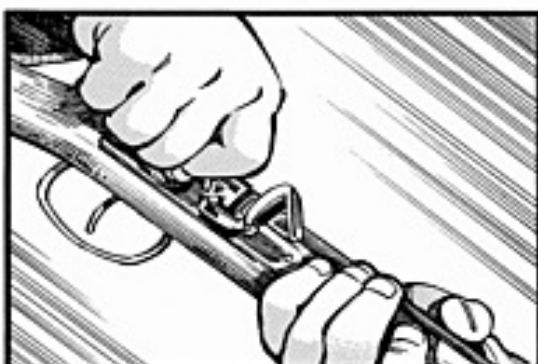


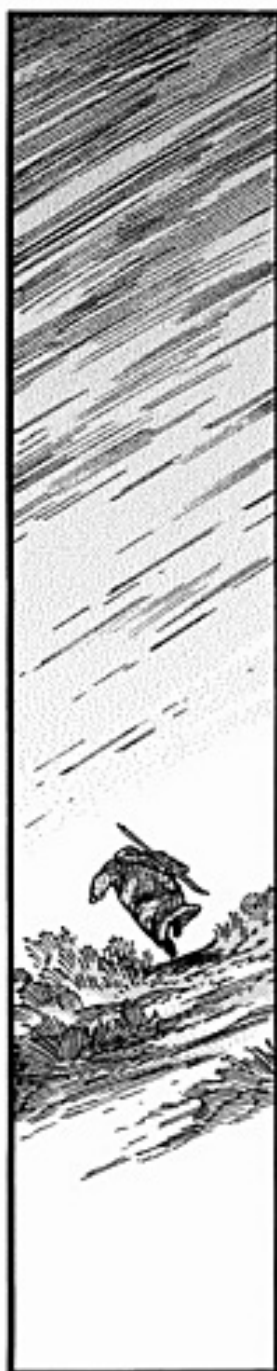




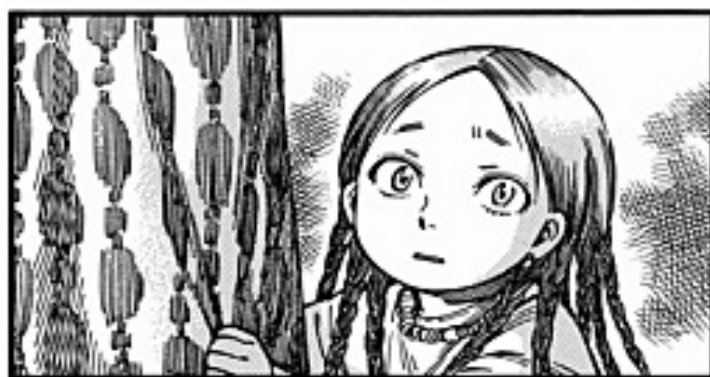
















YOU GET IT, DON'T YOU, BOSS NIKOLO?

AFTER THIS, THERE'S JUST NO WAY, RIGHT?



I AGREE.

.....



SO YOU'RE SAYING...

...THAT MEANS...

I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD TRY TO GO ANY FARTHER.



I THINK IT WOULD BE BEST TO GET AS FAR AWAY FROM HERE AS WE CAN AND SOON.

THE SITUATION HAS TURNED VERY DANGEROUS.





CHAPTER 94
DECISION





*TRAVELING
FORWARD AT
THIS POINT
WOULD BE
DANGEROUS.*

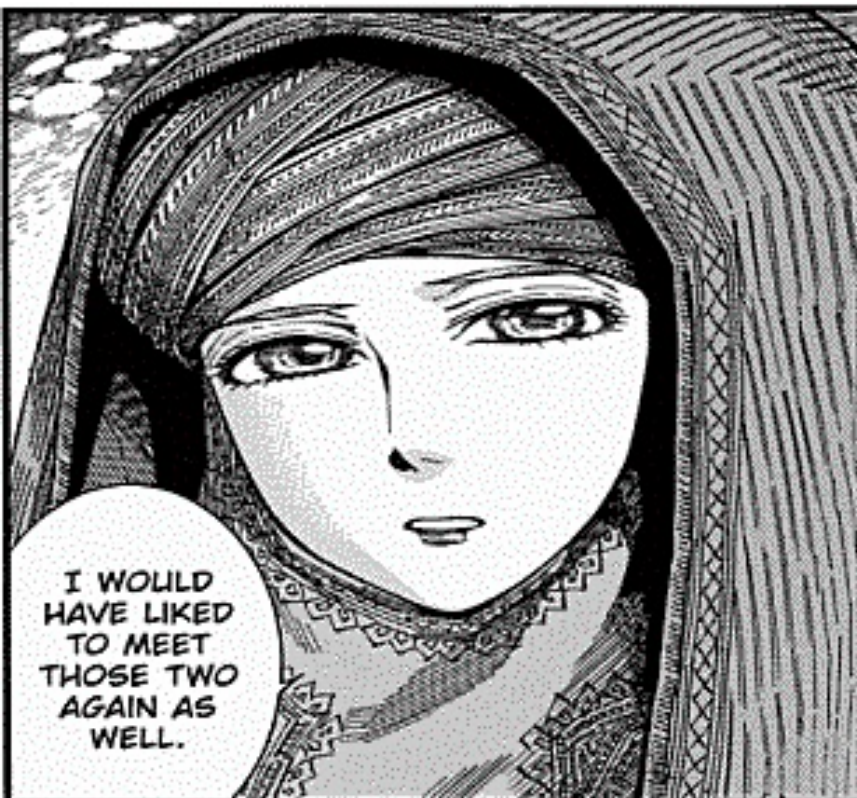
*WE THINK
THE RUSSIAN
ARMY
MAY HAVE
BEEN THE
ATTACKERS.*

*DO I
CONTINUE?
OR TURN
BACK?*

*THE VILLAGE
WHERE
WE WERE
LODGING WAS
ATTACKED.*

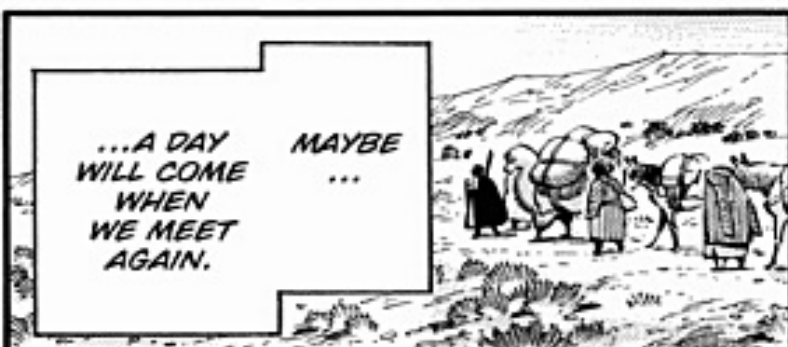














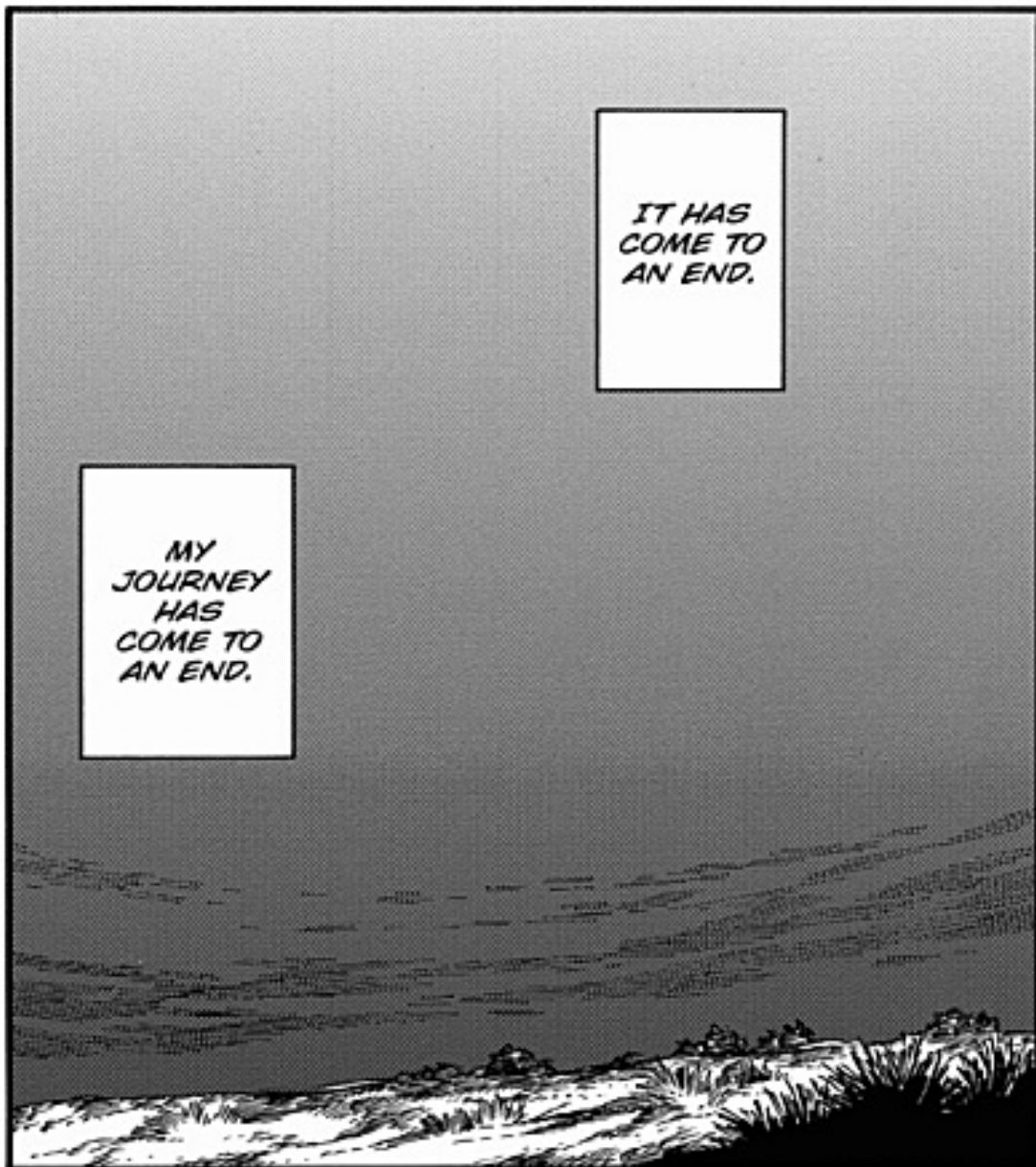
BUT EVEN
IF I AM
ABLE TO
COME
THIS WAY
AGAIN...

...I DOUBT
THINGS
WILL HAVE
STAYED
QUITE
AS THEY
WERE.



MY
JOURNEY
HAS
COME TO
AN END.

IT HAS
COME TO
AN END.

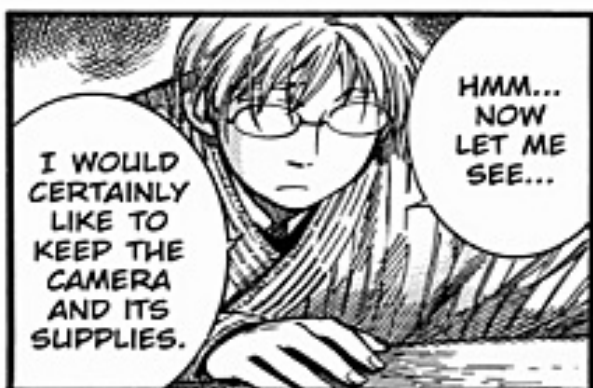




HERE.
THIS.



IS THERE
ANY MORE
BAGGAGE
WE CAN GET
RID OF?



I WOULD
CERTAINLY
LIKE TO
KEEP THE
CAMERA
AND ITS
SUPPLIES.

HMM...
NOW
LET ME
SEE...



IT WILL
MAKE
THE TRIP
SOUTH
EASIER.

IF
WE BRING
EXTRA
WATER
AND FOOD
RATIONS
...

...THEN
WE NEED
NOT STOP
AT EVERY
VILLAGE
ALONG THE
WAY.



PERHAPS
WE SHOULD
KEEP AT
LEAST ONE
CAMEL WITH
US.

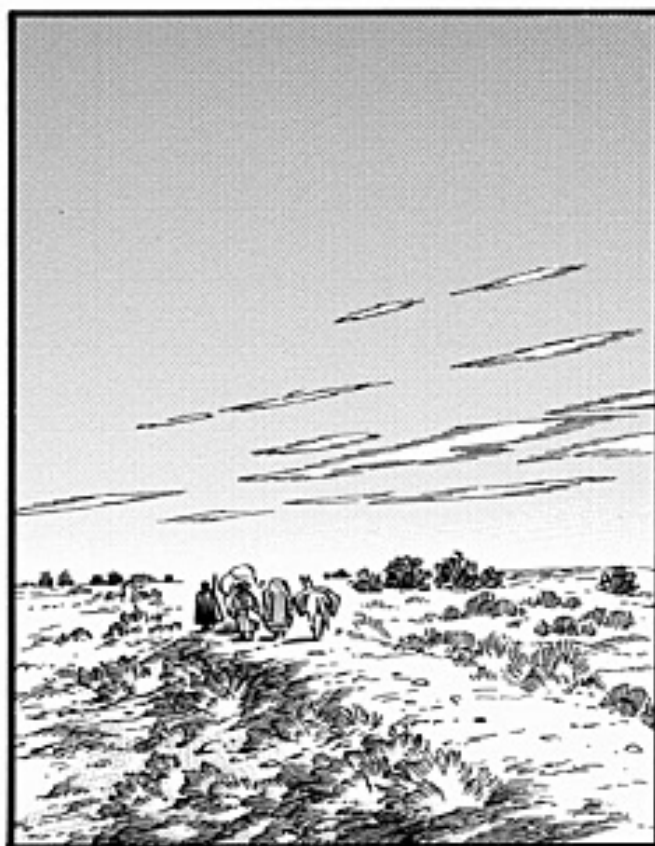
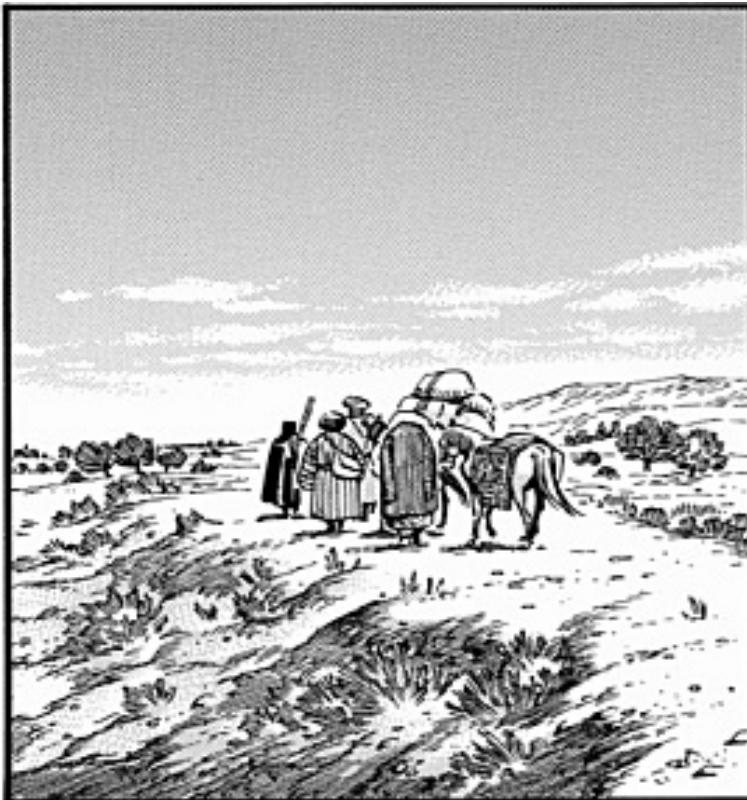


WOULD
WE BE
ABLE TO
SELL IT?

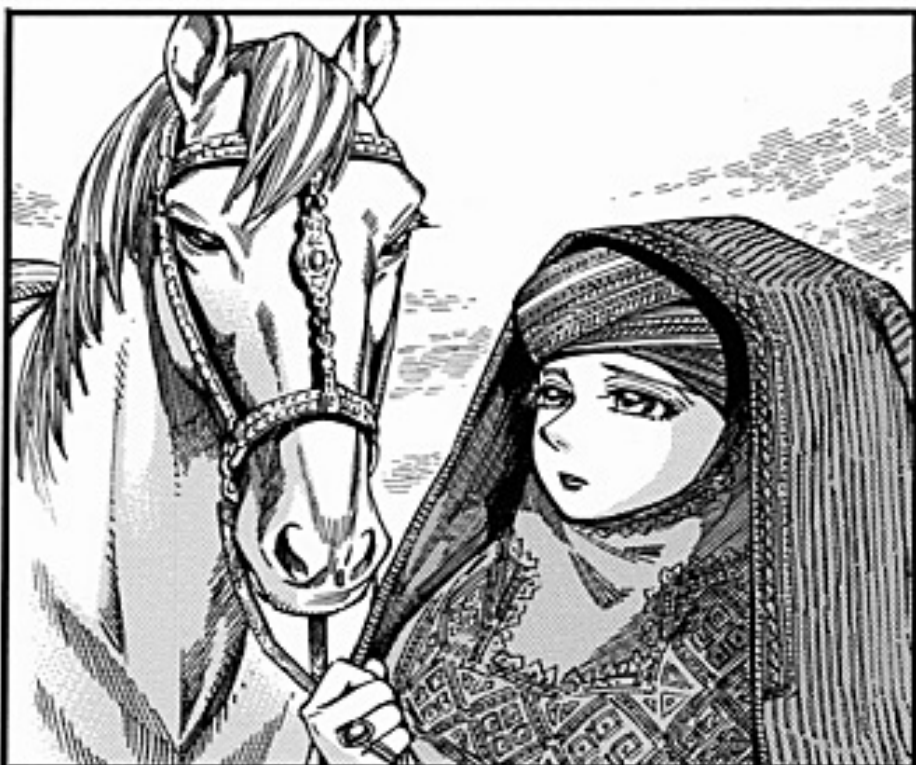
PERHAPS
THE
CAMERA'S
DARKROOM?

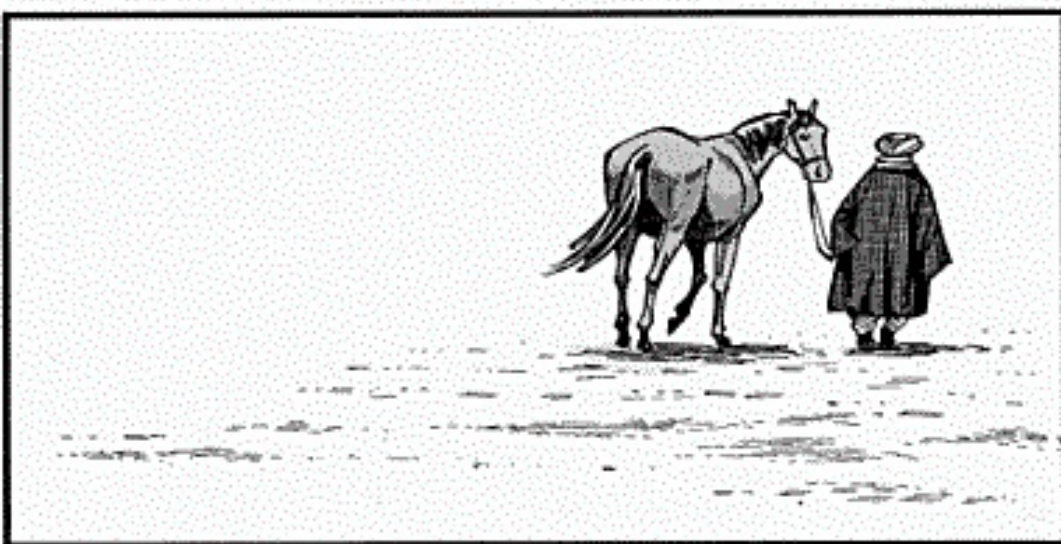
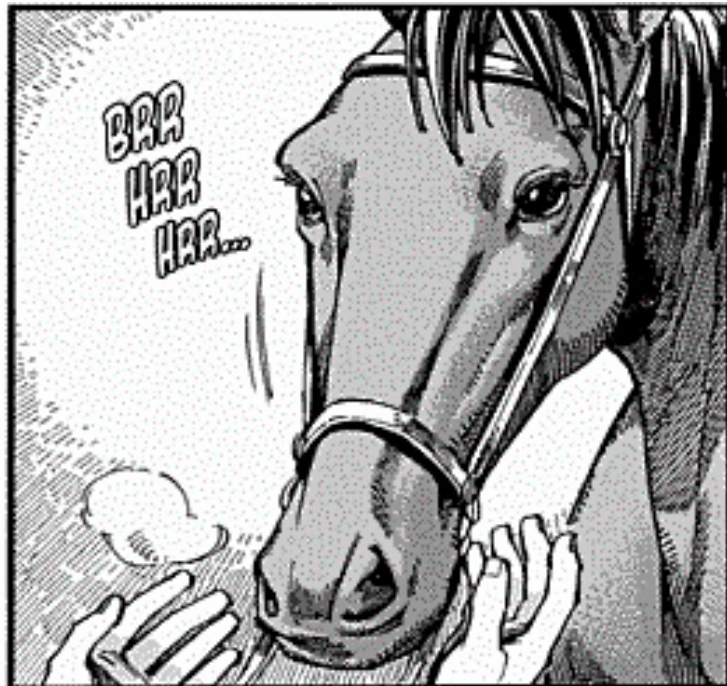


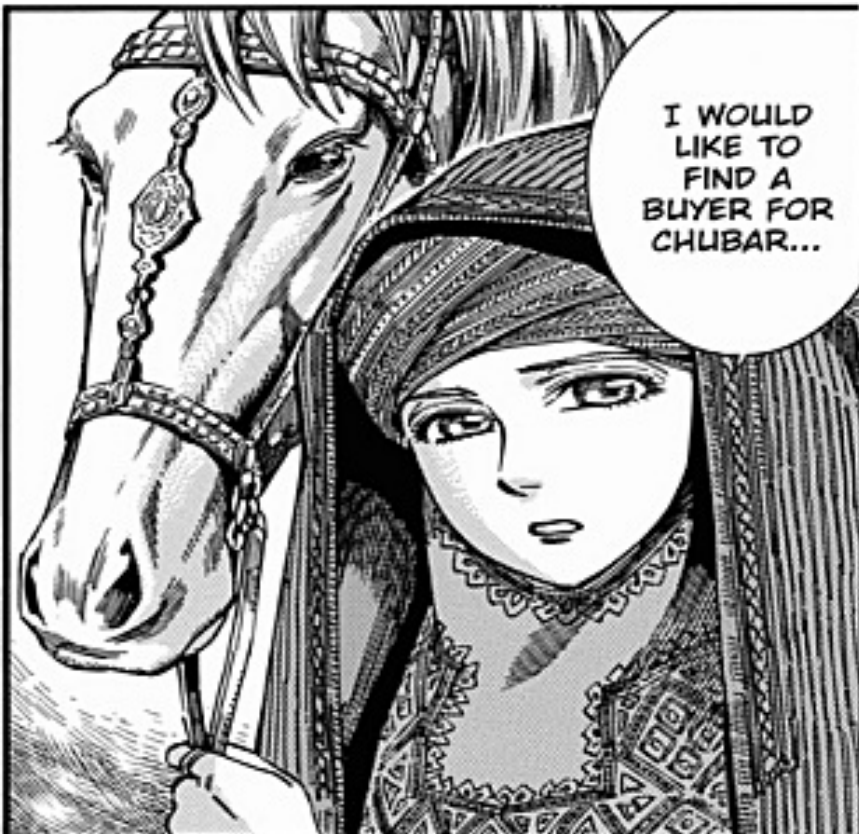
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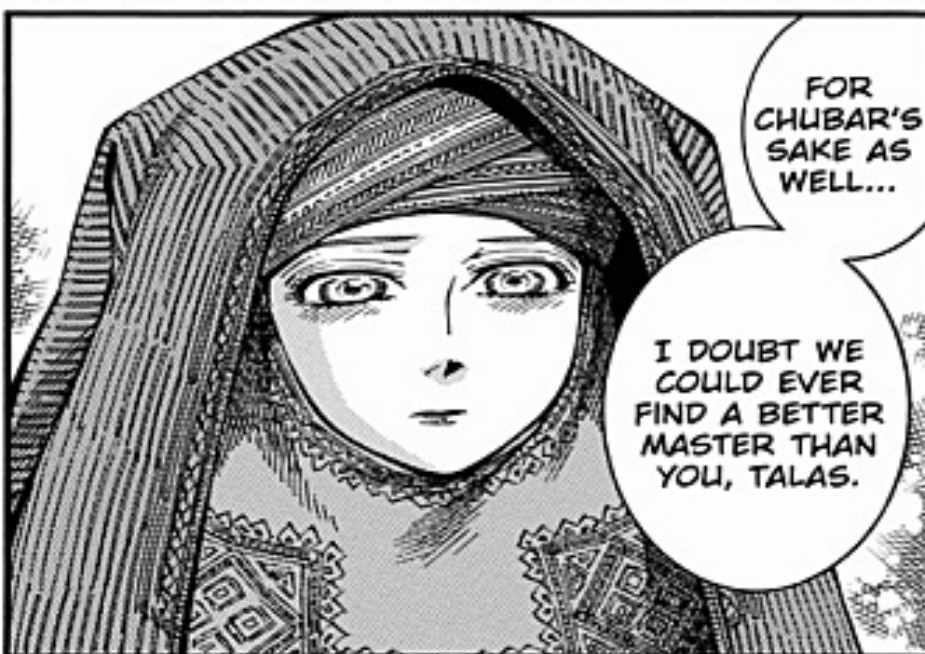


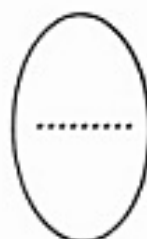






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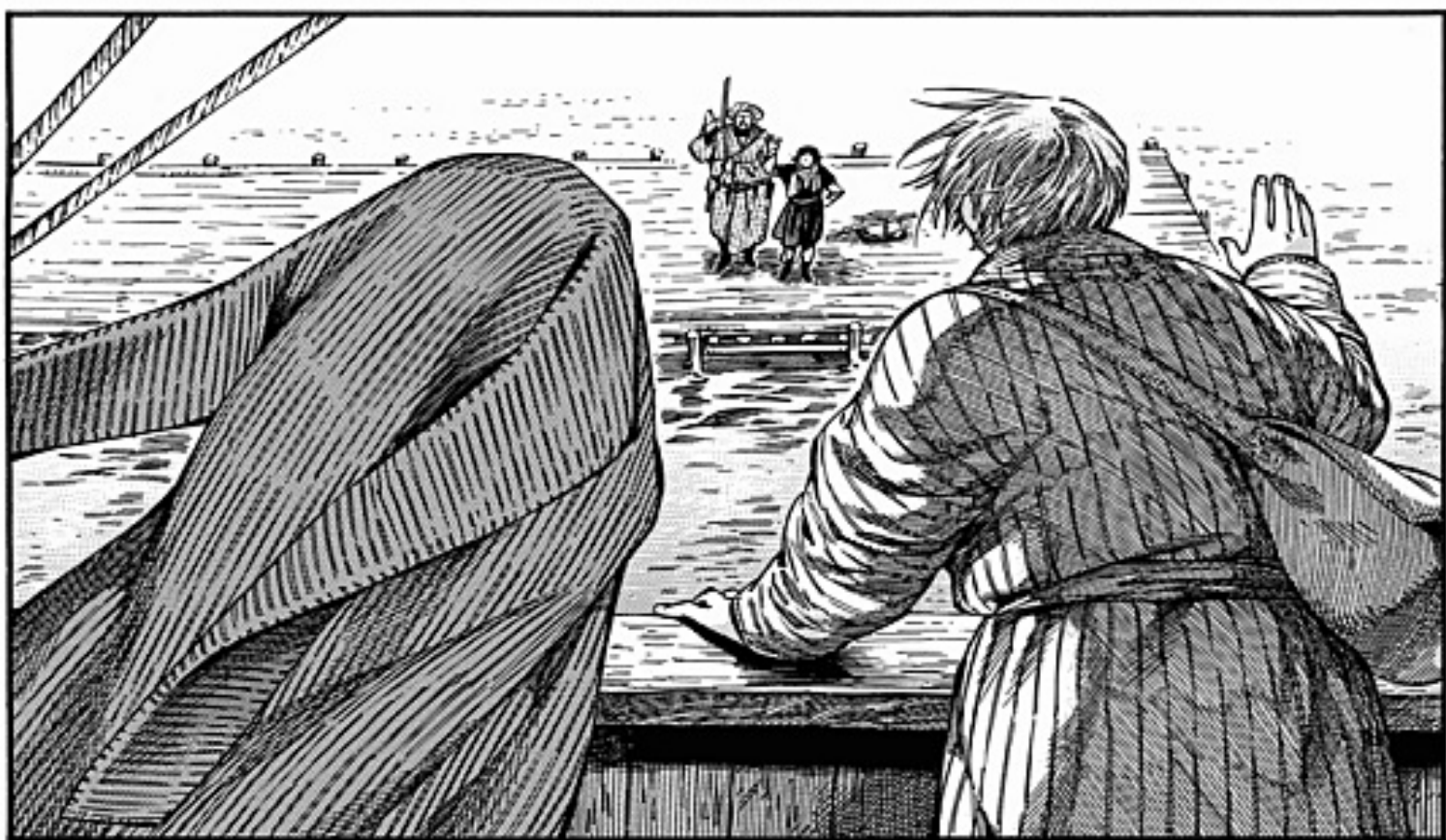






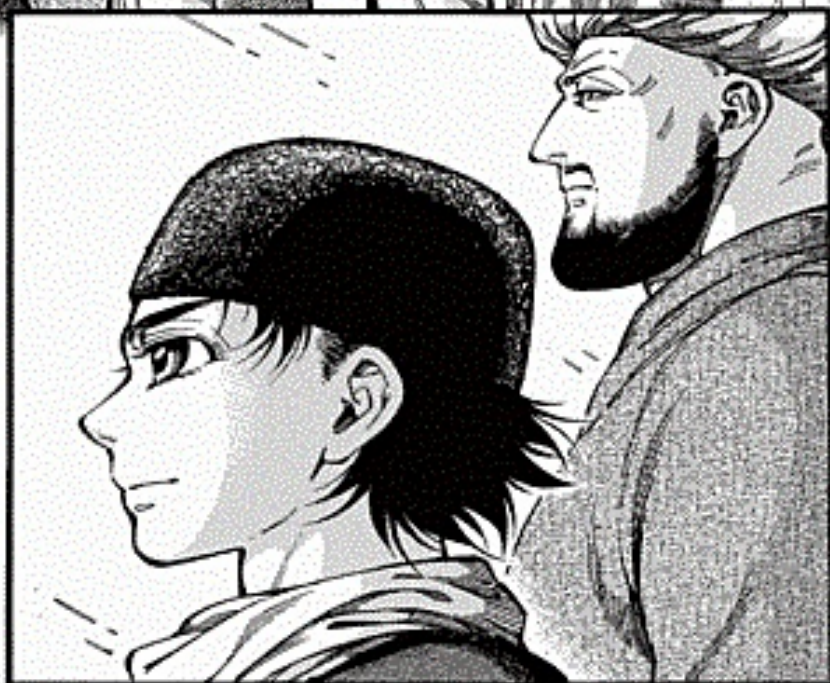




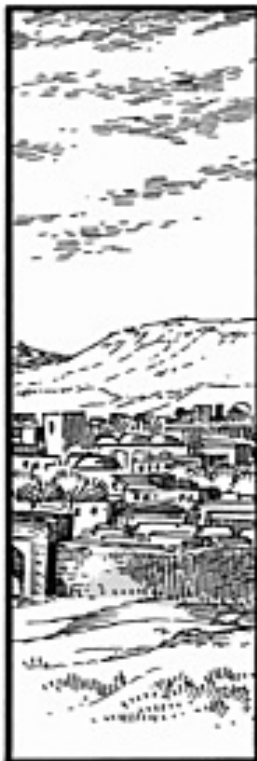


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◆
CHAPTER 95
ON THE
WAY HOME
◆













...BUT I
DON'T THINK
I EVER
HEARD HIM
GIVE ANYONE
AN ORDER.



...WE WERE
WITH BOSS
HENRY FOR
A LONG
TIME...



...AND
THEY'D
WORK
YOU TO
DEATH.

SAID
THEY'RE
ALL
STUCK
UP...



...THEY
TOLD ME I'D
BE BETTER
OFF NOT
TAKING ANY
JOBS FROM A
EUROPEAN.

WHEN
I FIRST
HEARD
THE JOB
WAS
AVAIL-
ABLE...



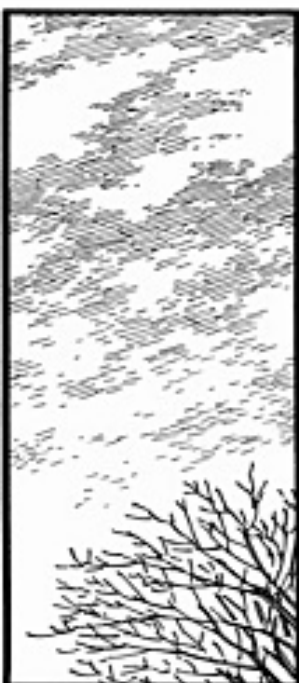
...YES.
I AGREE.



HE WAS
A LITTLE
OUT OF
IT...

...BUT
HE WAS
A GOOD
GUY.









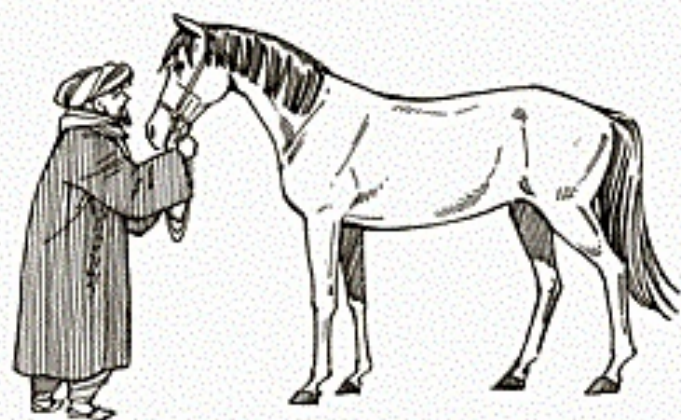


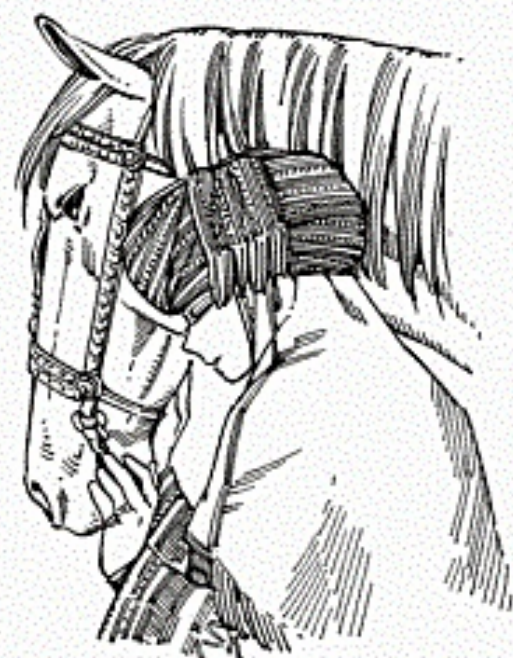






AFTERWORD





THANK YOU, GOOD-BYE

AND MORI WON'T DIE EITHER!

IT ISN'T OVER YET!

I'M FULL OF ENERGY TODAY, AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF MANGA!

I'M KAORU MORI!

WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?

LONG TIME, NO SEE! HELLO!

EUROPEAN LEGLESS LIZARD

GRAY'S MONITOR LIZARD

REPTILES OF CENTRAL ASIA!

RUSSIAN TORTOISE

BUT HEY, THEY SAY THAT LONG AGO THE ARAL SEA WAS CONNECTED TO THE CASPIAN SEA.

YOU DON'T KNOW?

MAYBE. I DON'T KNOW.

WERE THEY IN THE ARAL SEA?

THEY LIVE IN THE CASPIAN SEA EVEN TODAY.

Caspian Seal

COME TO THINK OF IT, WE DID GET A SEAL IN THE MAIN STORY!

SO YOU JUST FORCED SOME IN THERE, HUH?

I MEAN, YOU KNOW, THIS VOLUME THERE WEREN'T A LOT OF ANIMALS, RIGHT?

SO IT HAD BASICALLY LIVED WITH ME MY ENTIRE PROFESSIONAL LIFE.

SOMEONE I KNOW HAD PICKED IT UP ABOUT THE TIME I WAS DEBUTING AS A MANGAKA.

THIS WAS MY PREVIOUS CAT, A FORMER STRAY WHO LIVED NINETEEN YEARS.

WAIT! WAIT!

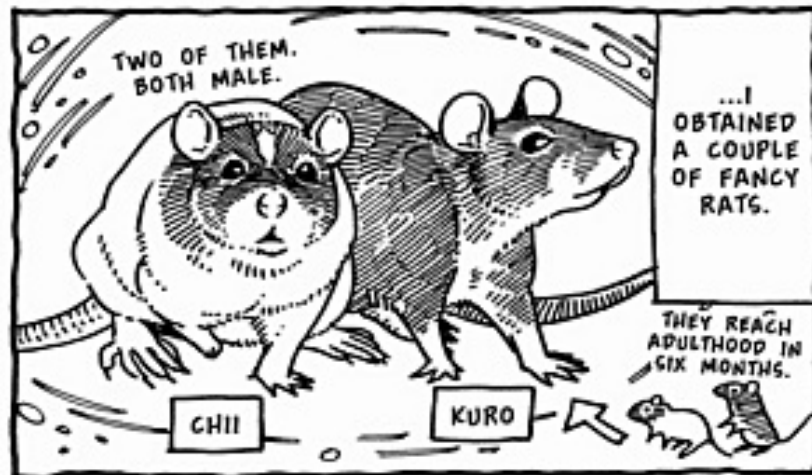
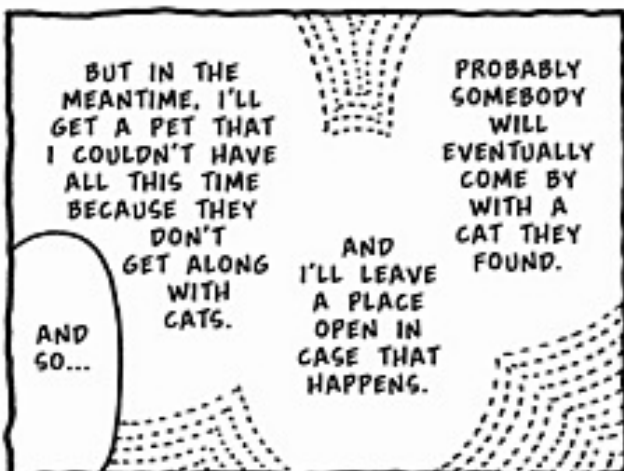
MY CAT PASSED AWAY AFTER NINETEEN YEARS.

THIS ALL HAPPENED NEAR THE START OF LAST YEAR.

THE LEAD-IN HERE IS GONNA BE KINDA LONG.

VOLUME 15! AND THAT BRINGS US TO VOLUME 15!

AND ABOUT THAT...



KIDS WANT
TO DO WHAT
THE ADULTS
DO.

COMING
BACK TO
ROSTEM
AND
THE OLD
MAN.

WOOD-
WORK-
ING

I KNOW I'M
A LITTLE LATE
IN SAYING
THIS, BUT THIS
AFTERWORD
IS FIVE PAGES
LONG.

SO
THAT'S
WHY
THE
SELF-
INDUL-
GENCE.

THE
LEAD-IN
IS
OVER!!

AND SO, WITH
THE NEW
MEMBERS OF
THE TEAM, I
AM HERE TO
EXPLAIN THE
CHAPTERS!

IT REALLY
WAS LONG.

IN
CENTRAL ASIA,
WELCOMING
GUESTS IS MORE
IMPORTANT
THAN YOU CAN
IMAGINE...

...AND HOW
WELL OR POORLY
YOU TREAT YOUR
GUESTS CAN MAKE
A BIG DIFFERENCE
IN YOUR
REPUTATION.

THE
GUESTS
(PARTS
1&2)

EVERYONE
SEEMED TO ACCEPT
THAT CHILDREN
WOULD BE RAISED
COLLECTIVELY
BY EVERYONE IN
TOWN.

SINCE LONG
AGO IN
UZBEKISTAN,
TOWNSPEOPLE
WOULD WORK
TOGETHER IN A
NEIGHBORHOOD
COOPERATIVE
CALLED A
MAHALLA.

BY THE WAY,
MOST MARRIED
WOMEN TEND
TO TIE UP
THEIR HAIR
IN A SINGLE
BRAID.

UNMARRIED

AND
WE'RE
GOOD
AT IT!

WE
WORKED
REALLY
HARD!

AND
IT
SURE IS
PRETTY!

BY THE WAY,
THE BASIS
FOR THE BLUE
COLOR IS THE
GEM LAPIS
LAZULI GROUND
DOWN TO A
POWDER.

THEY COULD MIX THE PIGMENT WITH
A COMBINATION OF BINDERS AND
SOLVENTS TO MAKE BLUE PAINT.

GLASS WAS ALSO
AN
IMPORTANT
ARTISANAL
TRADING
GOOD.

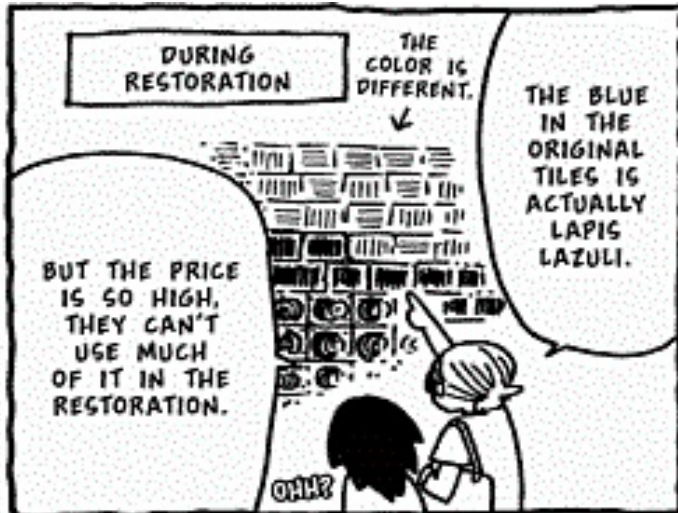
IN OLDEN
TIMES, THEY
DIDN'T TRADE
ONLY SILK
THREAD WHEN
TRAVELING
ALONG
THE SILK
ROAD.

THE BLUE
GLASS IS
CALLED SEA
GLASS.

TO
THE
SEA



IT'S TOO BAD.
I WISH THEY
COULD RESTORE
IT TO ITS
FORMER GLORY.
THE COLOR WAS
WONDERFUL.



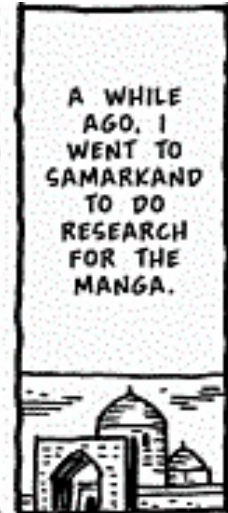
DURING
RESTORATION

THE
COLOR IS
DIFFERENT.

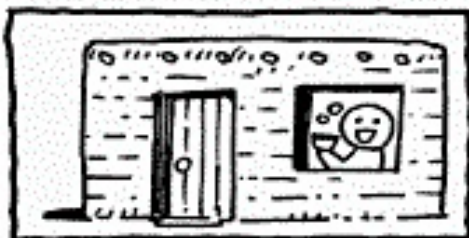
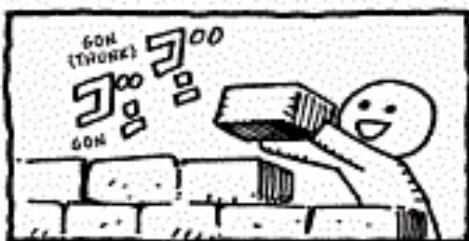
THE BLUE
IN THE
ORIGINAL
TILES IS
ACTUALLY
LAPIS
LAZULI.

BUT THE PRICE
IS SO HIGH,
THEY CAN'T
USE MUCH
OF IT IN THE
RESTORATION.

OH?

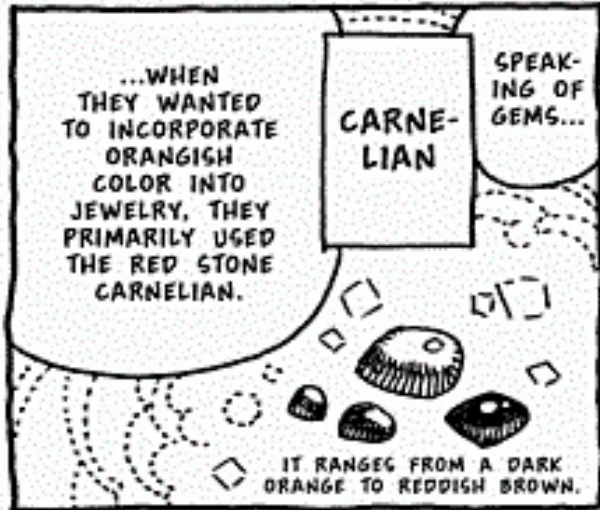


A WHILE
AGO, I
WENT TO
SAMARKAND
TO DO
RESEARCH
FOR THE
MANGA.



WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

I'VE GOT
NOTHING
TO DO.

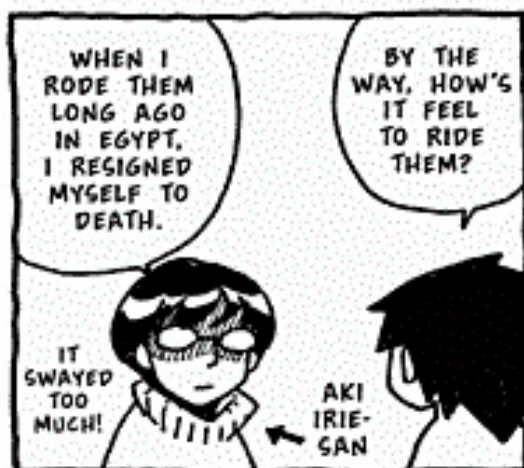


...WHEN
THEY WANTED
TO INCORPORATE
ORANGISH
COLOR INTO
JEWELRY, THEY
PRIMARILY USED
THE RED STONE
CARNELIAN.

CARNE-
LIAN

SPEAK-
ING OF
GEMS...

IT RANGED FROM A DARK
ORANGE TO REDDISH BROWN.

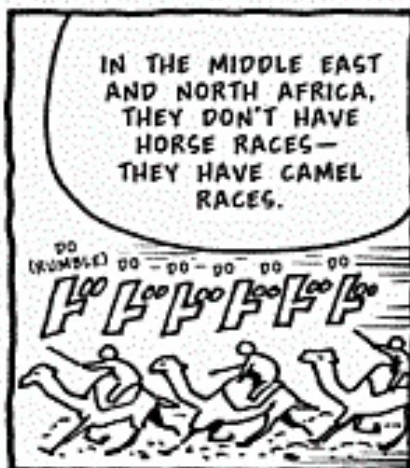


WHEN I
RODE THEM
LONG AGO
IN EGYPT,
I RESIGNED
MYSELF TO
DEATH.

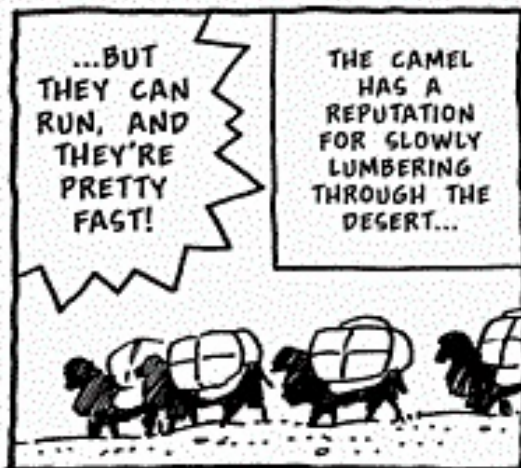
BY THE
WAY, HOW'S
IT FEEL
TO RIDE
THEM?

IT
SWAYED
TOO
MUCH!

AKI
IRIE-
SAN

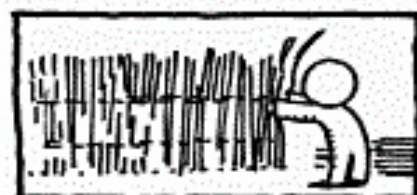


IN THE MIDDLE EAST
AND NORTH AFRICA,
THEY DON'T HAVE
HORSE RACES—
THEY HAVE CAMEL
RACES.



...BUT
THEY CAN
RUN, AND
THEY'RE
PRETTY
FAST!

THE CAMEL
HAS A
REPUTATION
FOR SLOWLY
LUMBERING
THROUGH THE
DESERT...



...BUT SINCE
NIKOLOVSKI HAS
ACTUAL COMBAT
EXPERIENCE, HE'S
MUCH BETTER.

ALI HAS
WORKED AS
A GUARD
BEFORE, SO
HE'S NOT
TOO BAD...



A BRIDE'S STORY ⑬



KAORU MORI

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